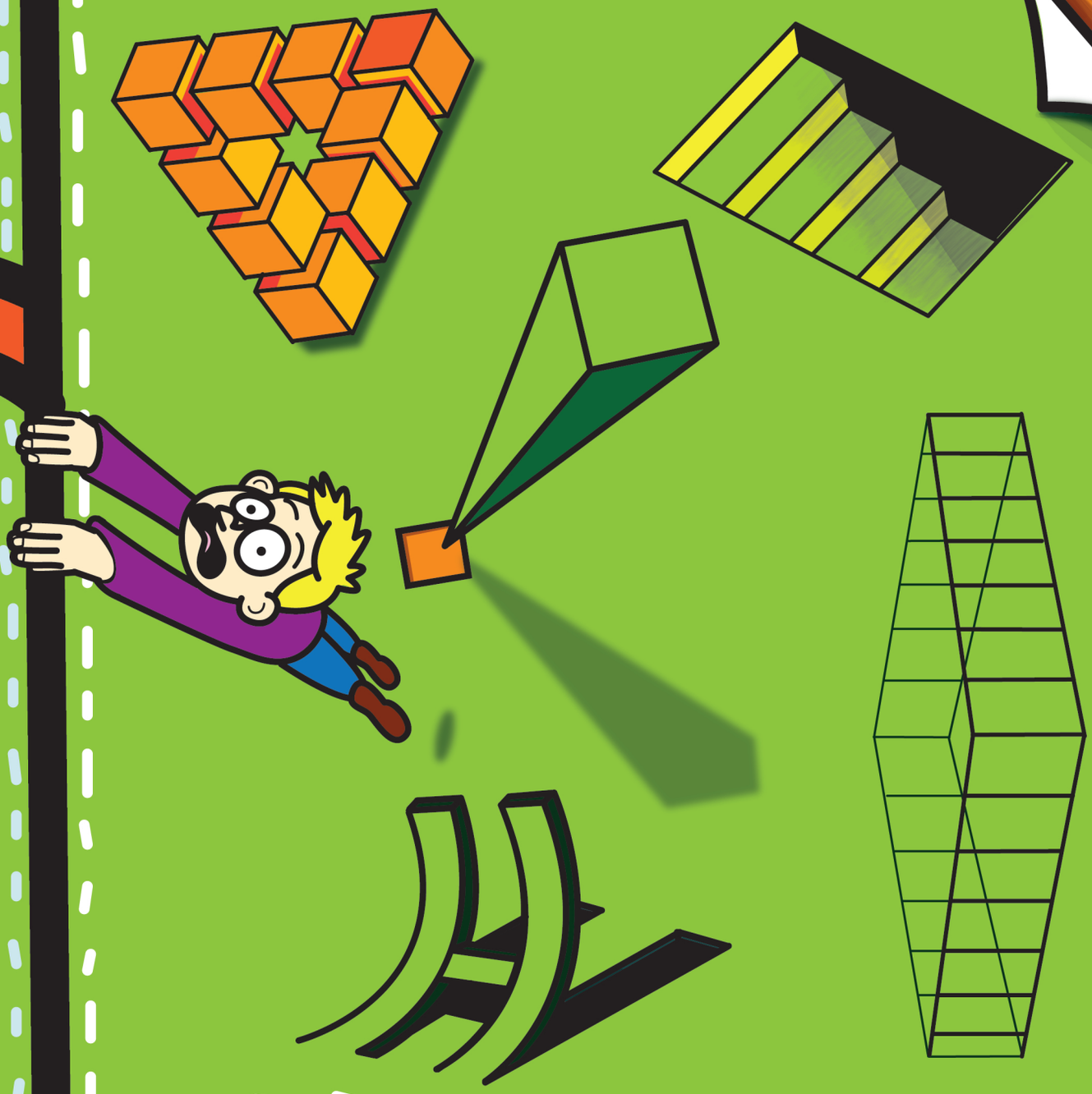

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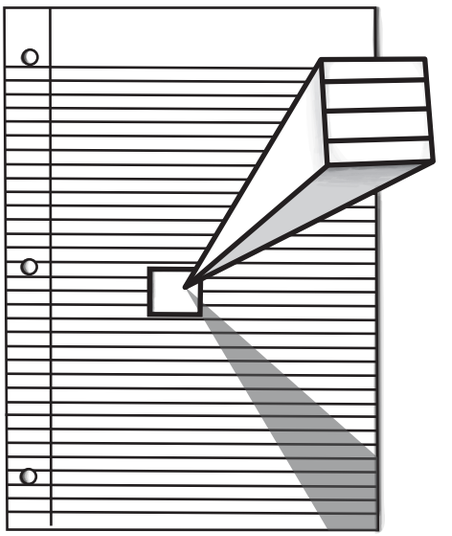
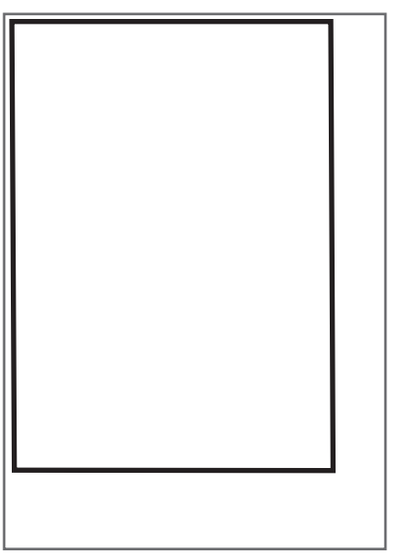
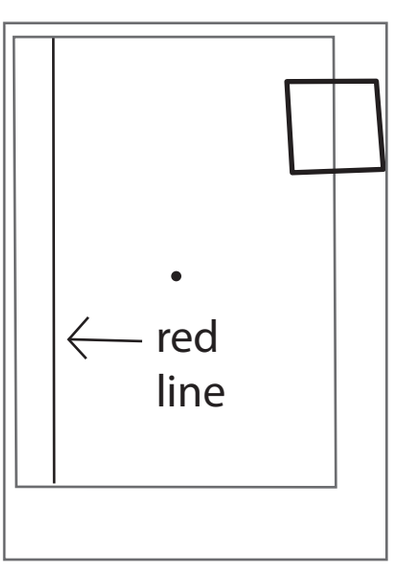
Box Rising Off of Paper

Here is a cool 3-dimensional effect that is quite simple to draw. It really will look like a cute square is rising off of the paper.

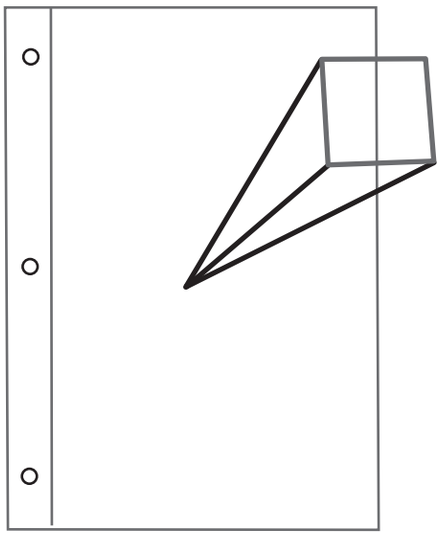




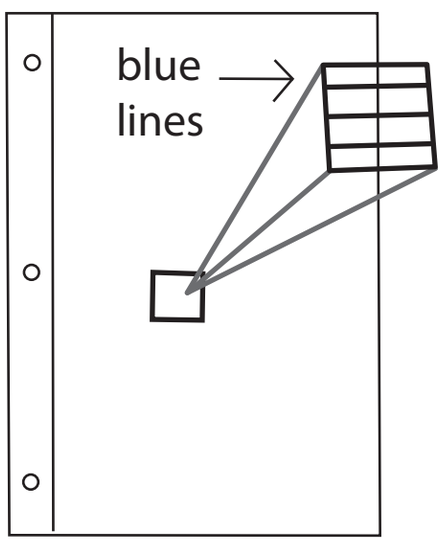
1. Draw a rectangle on the upper left side of a piece of paper.



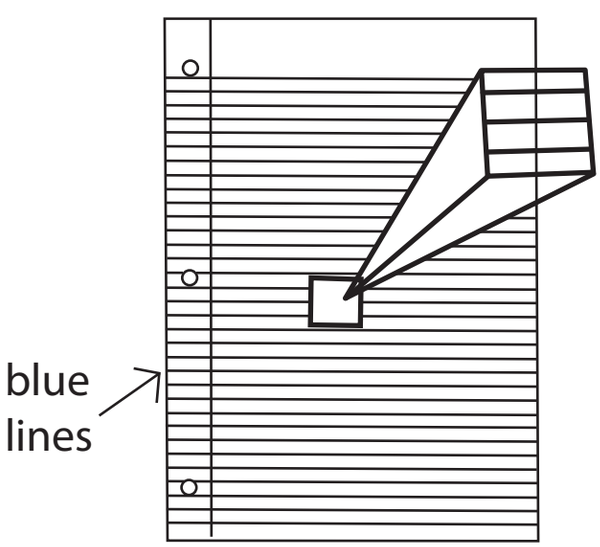
2. Draw a light red line along the left side of the rectangle. Draw slightly slanted rectangle on right side. Draw a dot on the page.



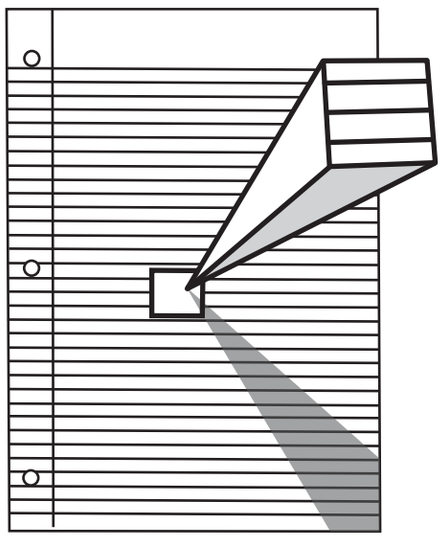
3. Draw lines from the rectangle down to the point you drew. Draw 3 circles on left side of page.



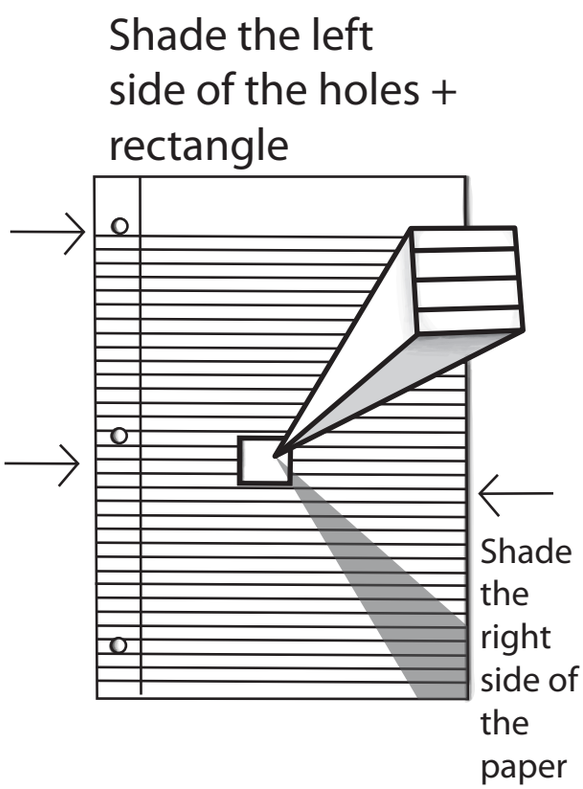
4. Draw a smaller rectangle around the point. Draw 3 blue lines on the bigger rectangle.



5. Draw blue lines around the shapes that you drew.



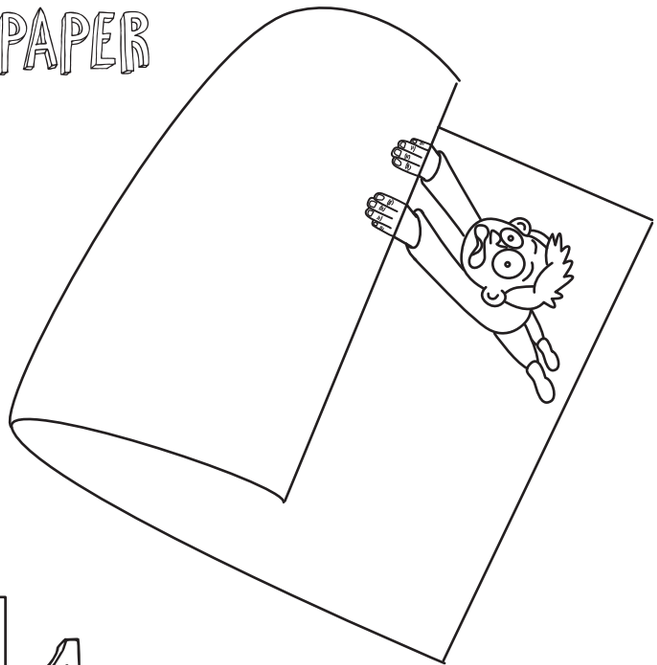
6. Draw a gray cast shadow by drawing 2 outward slanted lines that form a triangle. Fill it in gray. You should be able to see the lines thru the shadow. Use a lighter gray to shade the right side of the paper tower.

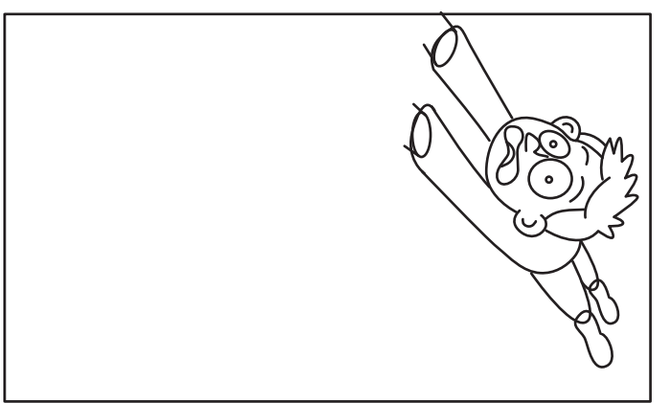


7. Add some very light shading to the top of the paper tower. Add darker shading to the right side of the piece of paper, as well as the left side of the paper holes and the cut out rectangle.

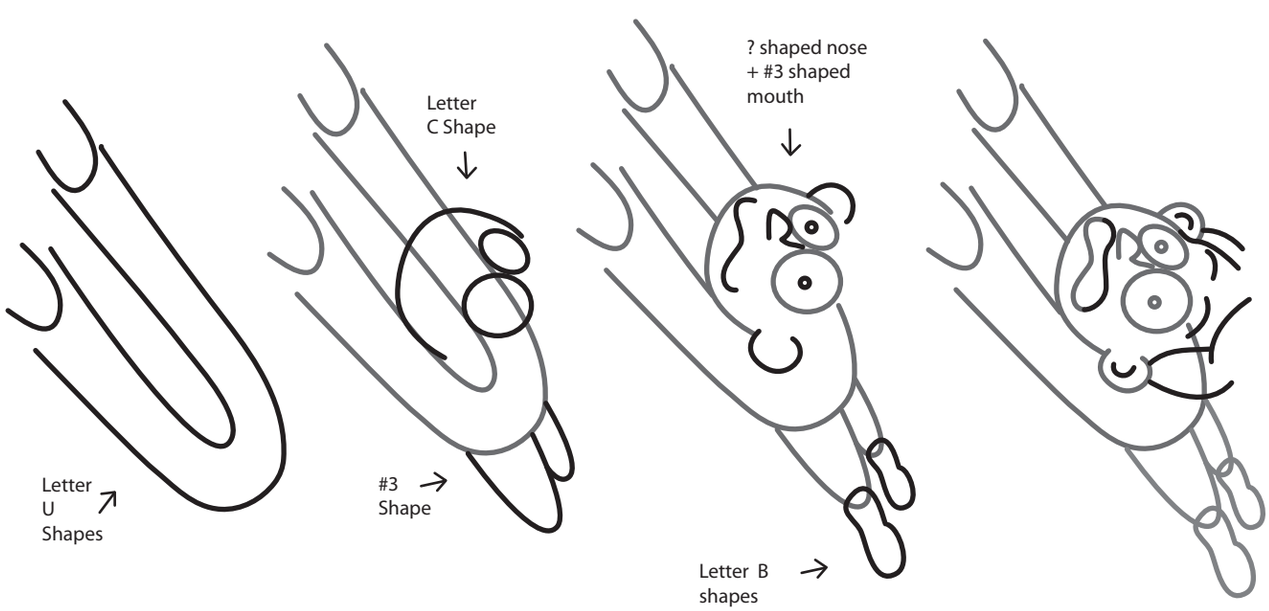
GUY FALLING OFF YOUR PAPER

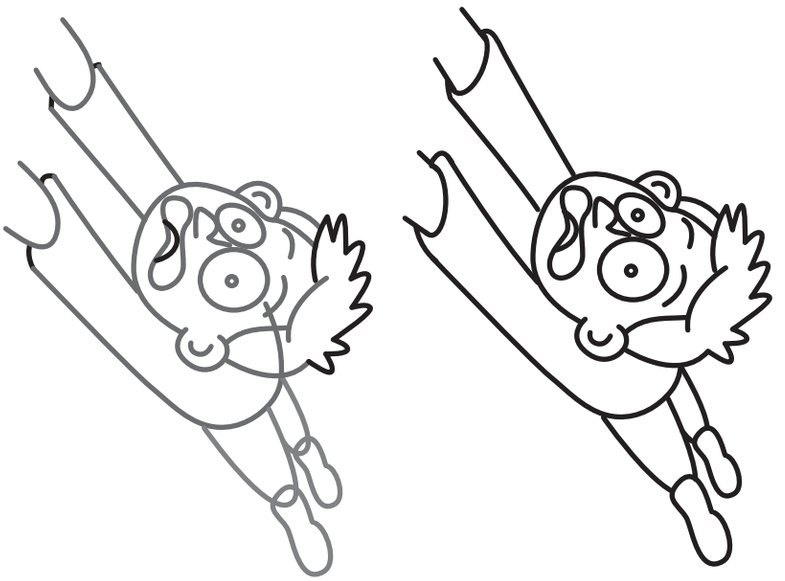
This is a cool drawing trick that will amaze your friends. It will actually look like a cartoon boy is hanging off of your paper. Find out how below.

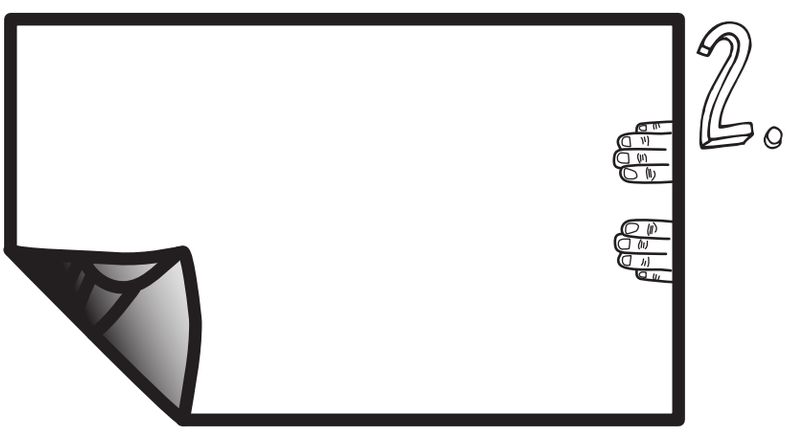




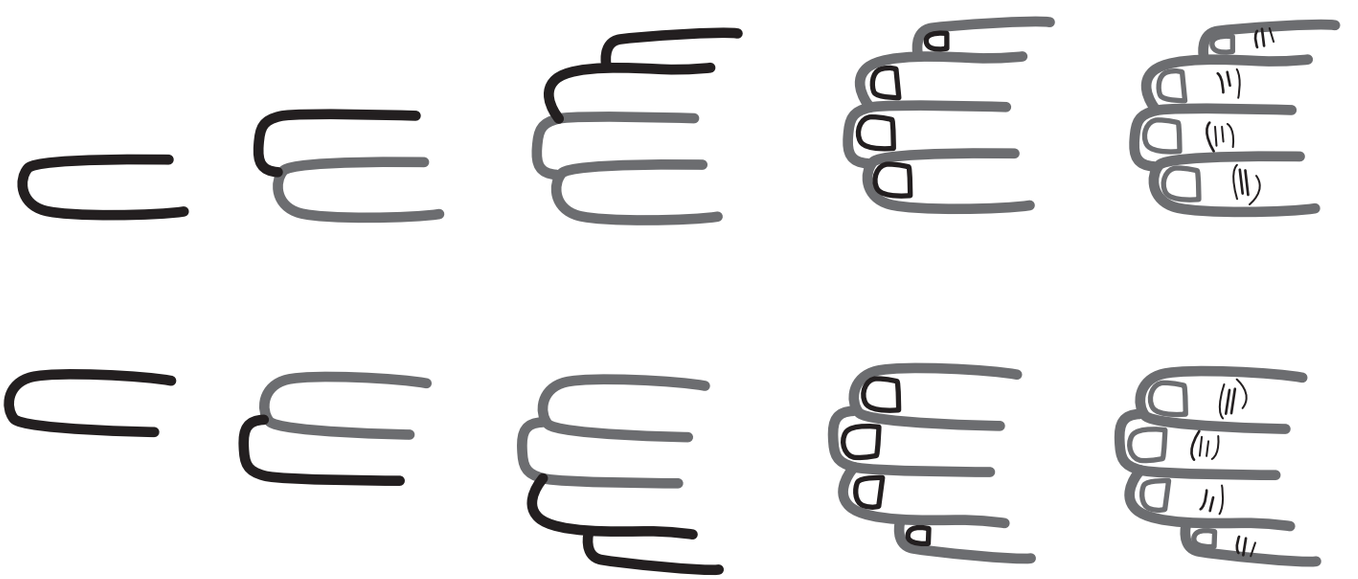
1. First of all, you need to draw a cartoon boy on the right side of a piece of paper turned on its side. We will show you how to draw him below.

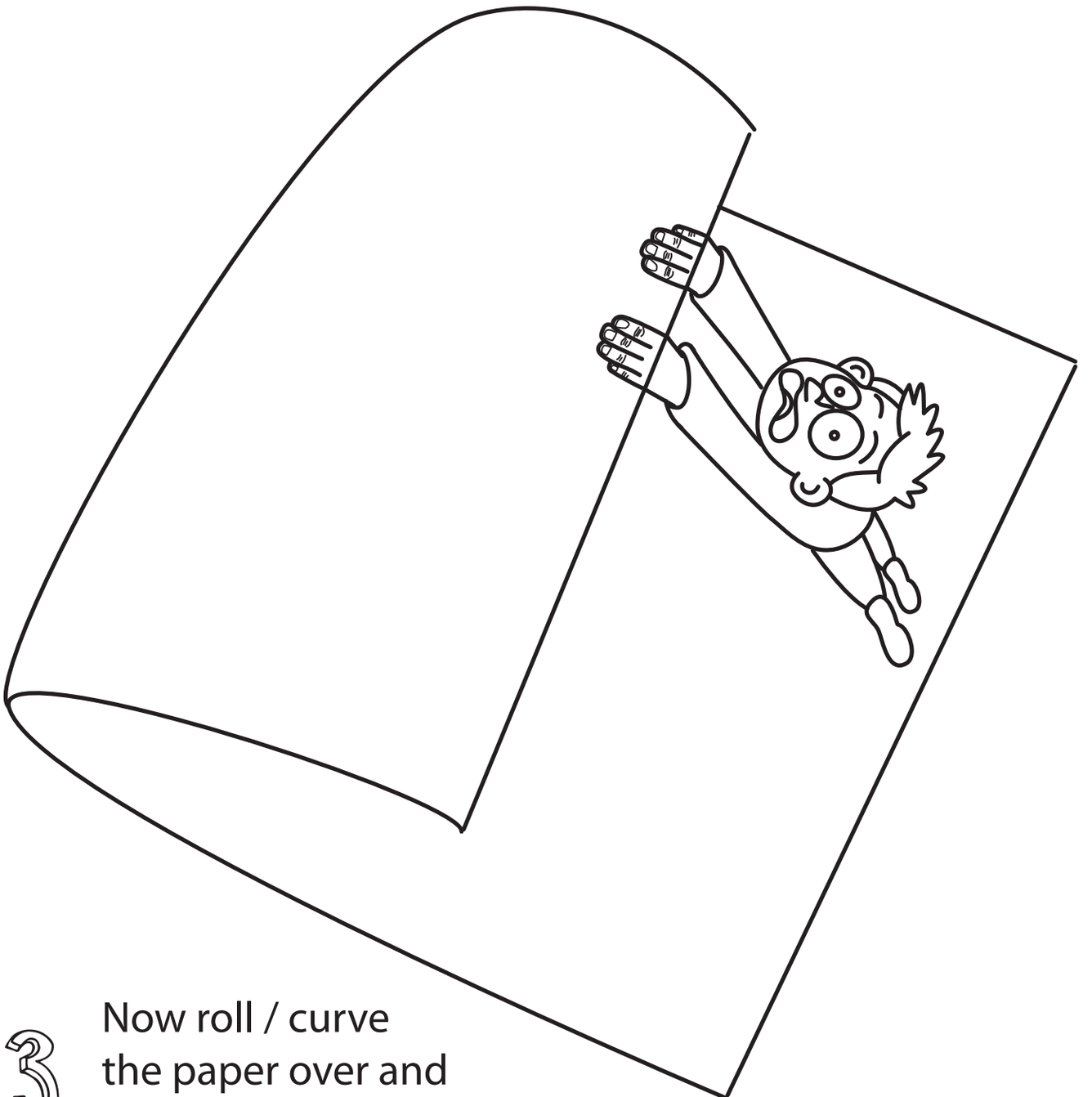






Turn over the page so that the boy is on the bottom of the paper. If you lift the page up on the left, you should see the boy. Draw hands on the right side of the paper. I show you how to draw hands below.

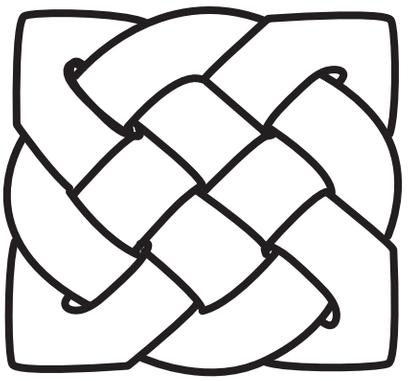


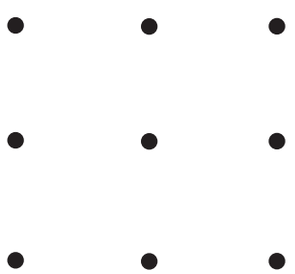


3. Now roll / curve the paper over and match up the hands with the arms. It will look like a 3d person is hanging off of your paper! Cool... isn't it?!!!

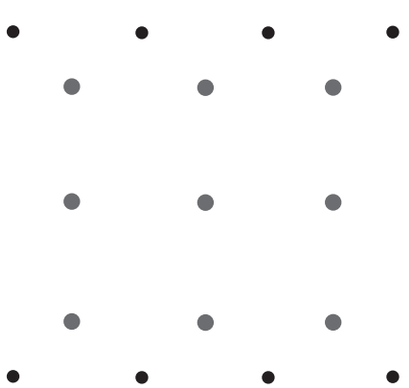
CELTIC KNOT

Start off with dots and end up with a really cool Celtic knot. It couldn't be easier to draw something so cool!

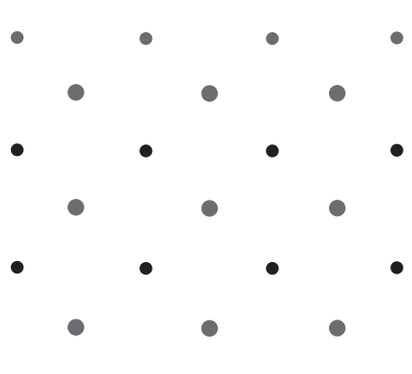




1. Draw 9 dots (3 rows of 3 dots each).



2. Now draw 4 dots at the very top and bottom. Space the dots around the previous dots.



3. Now draw 2 more rows of 4 dots.

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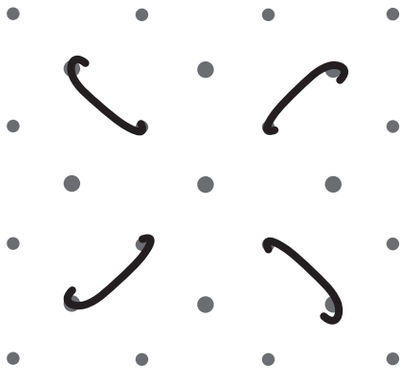

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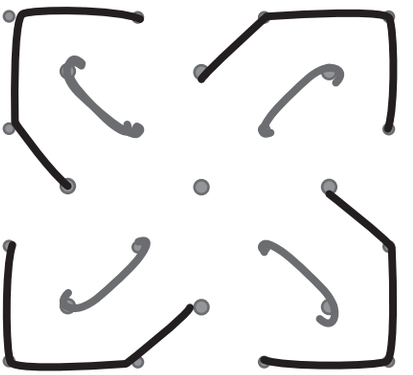

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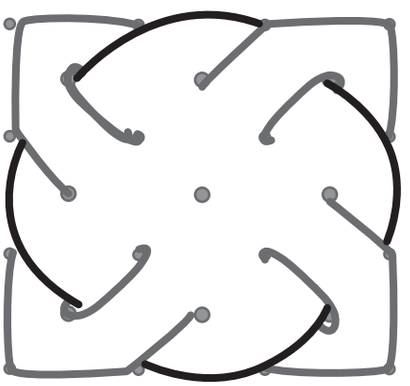

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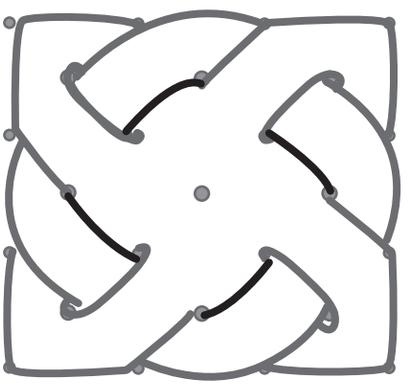

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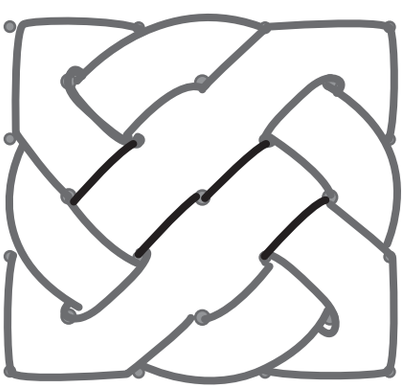

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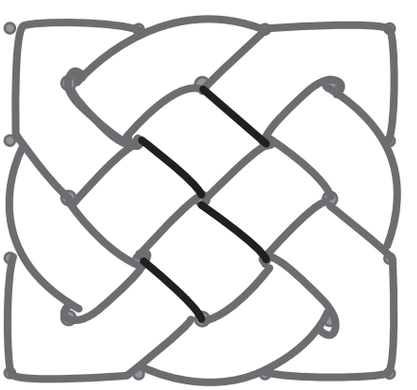
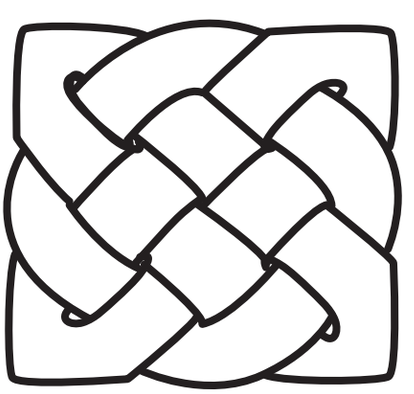
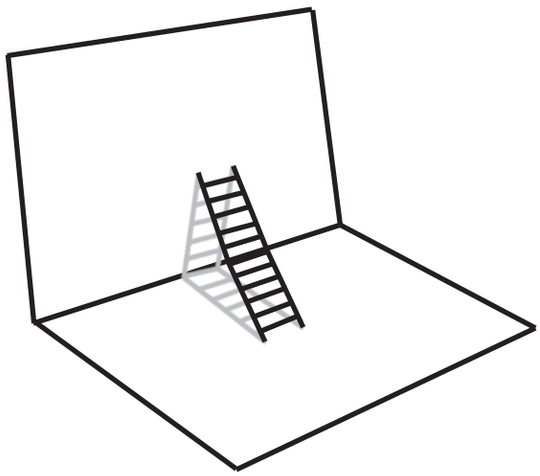




FOLDED PAPER LADDER

This looks so amazing when it is completed. The ladder that you draw will look like it is floating in between the folded piece of paper. Super cool!



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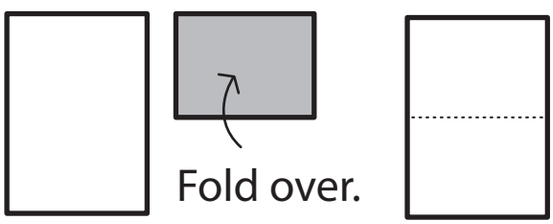

Fold a piece of paper. Unfold it.

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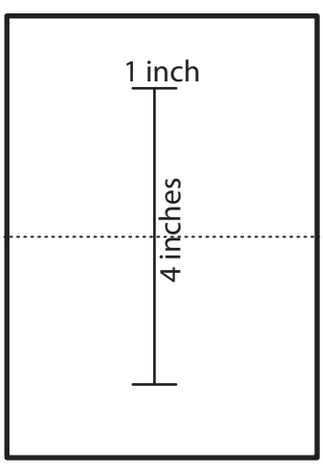

Draw a line 4 inches tall (2 inches above the fold and 2 inches below it). Draw a 1 inch line centered at the top and one at the bottom of the 4 inch line.

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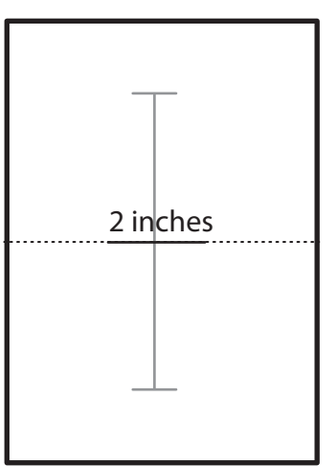

Draw a 2 inch line on the fold (centered on the 4 inch line).

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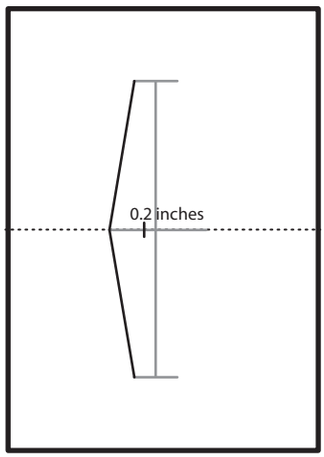

Draw a line connecting the left-most parts of the lines that you drew. Draw a notch or dot 0.2 inches (or 0.5 cm) left of the center line.

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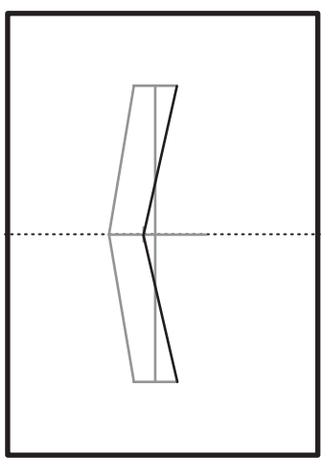

Draw a line from the right-most part of the top line, down to the point that you drew in step #4. Then Continue the line down to the right-most part of the bottom line.

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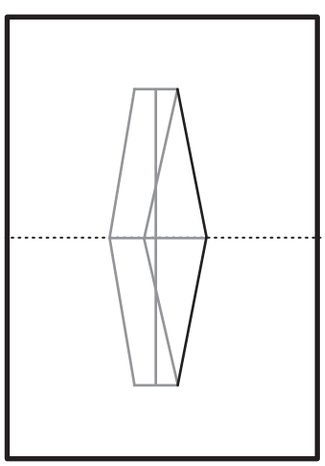

Draw a line connecting the right-most parts of the lines that you drew.

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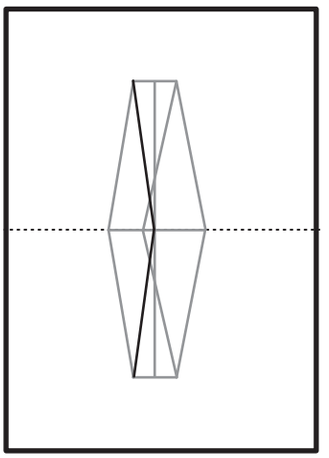

Draw a line from left-most part of the top line to the exact center. Continue the line down to the left-most part of the bottom line.

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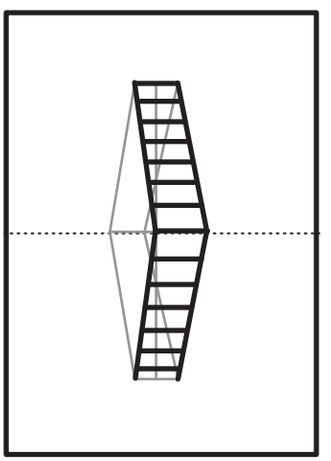

Darken some of the lines. Draw lines across for the ladder's steps.

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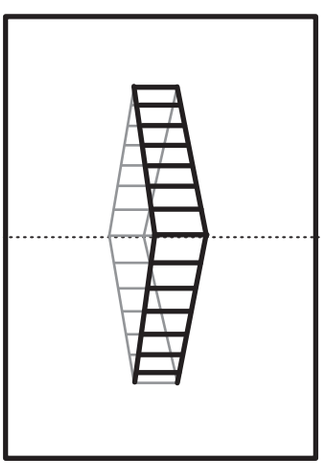

With gray, draw the shadows of the steps.

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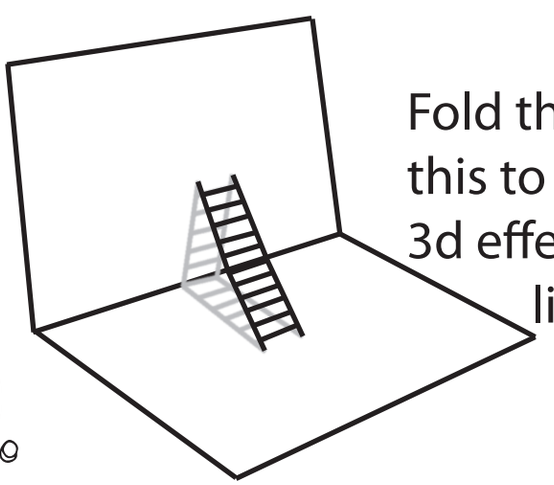
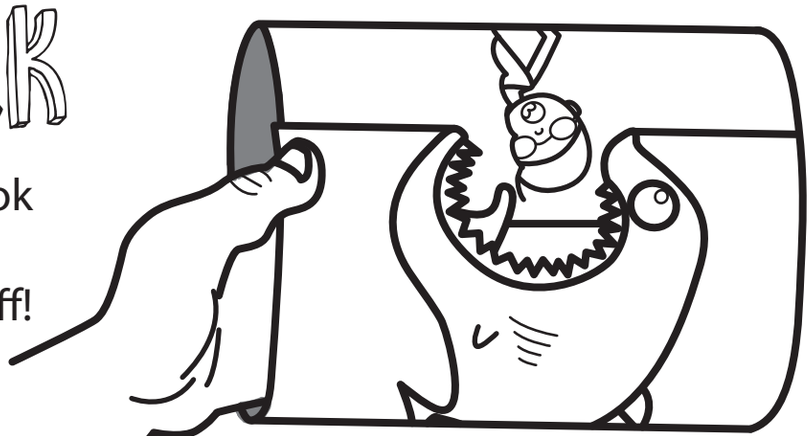
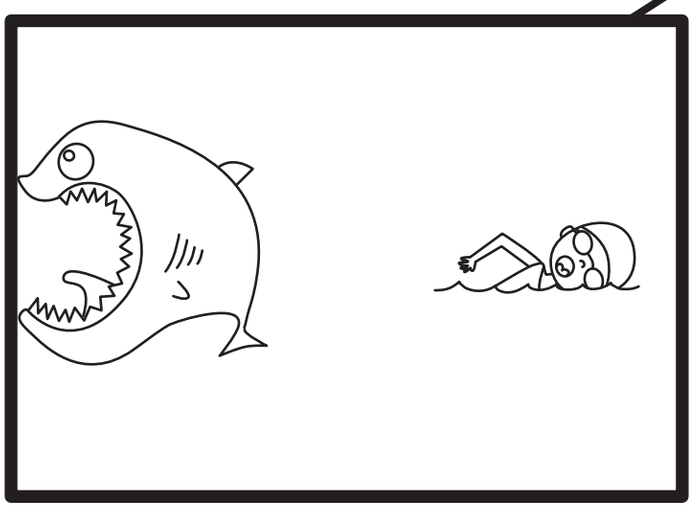


Fold the paper like this to see the 3d effect come to life! So cool!

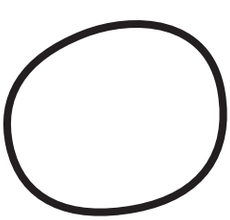
FISH ATTACK

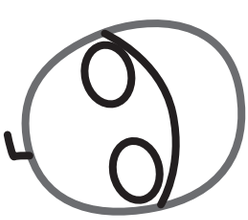
A fun 3D trick to make it look like a big fish is about to eat a swimmer up. Cool stuff!

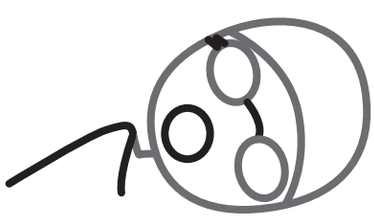


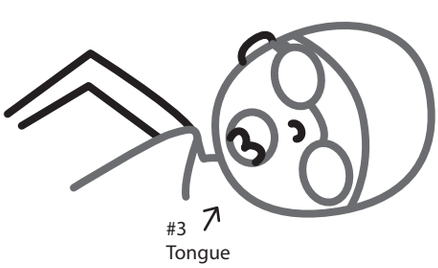


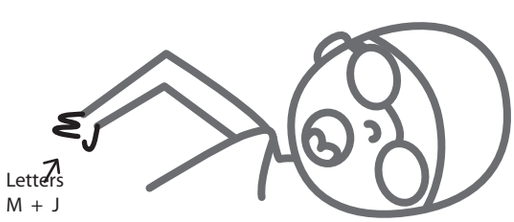
1. Take a piece of paper and draw a fish on one end and a swimmer on the other end. I show you how to draw these characters below.

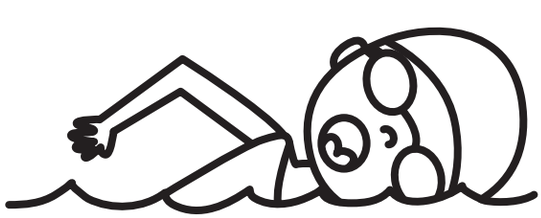


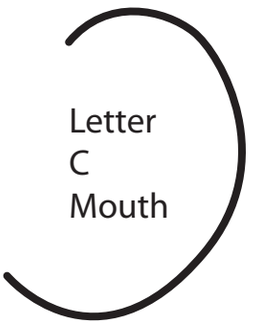








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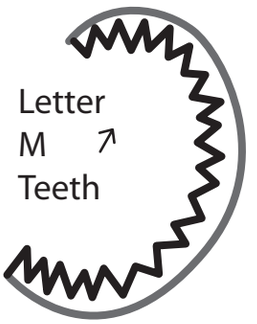
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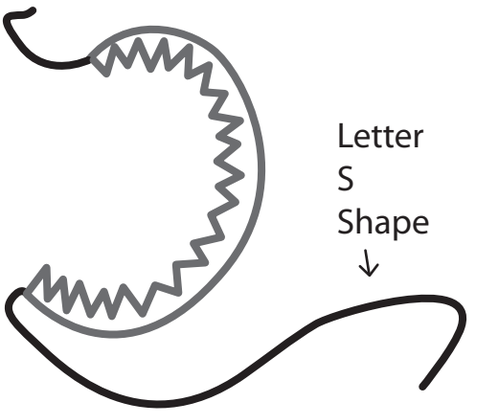
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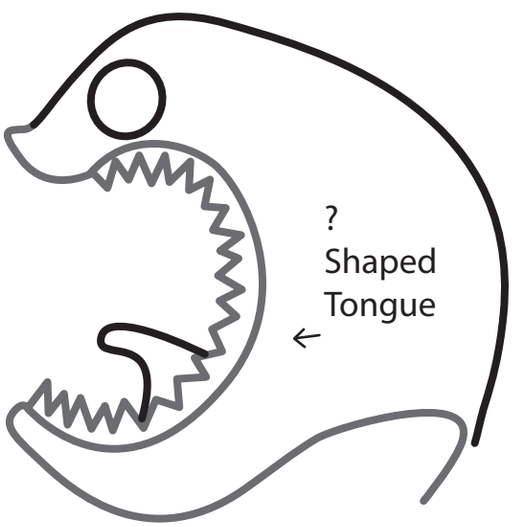
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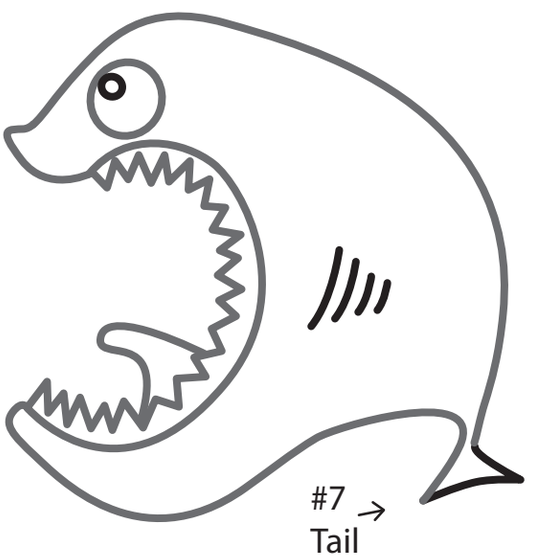
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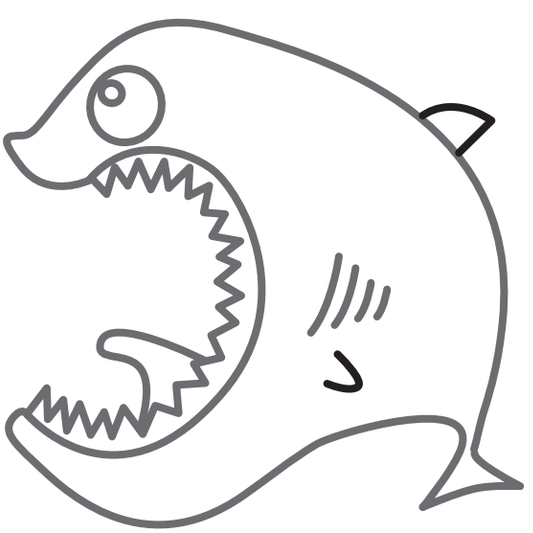

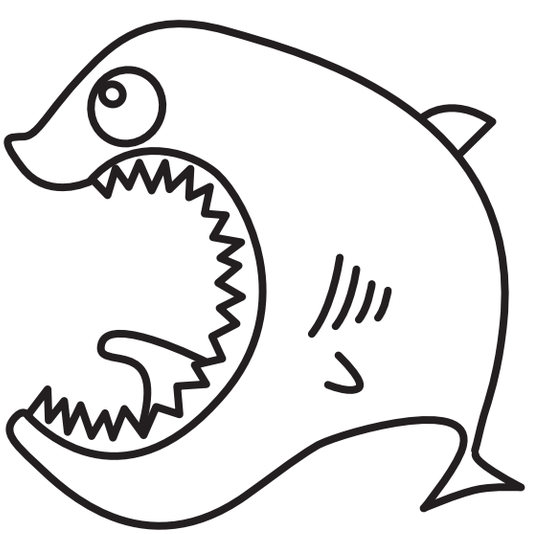

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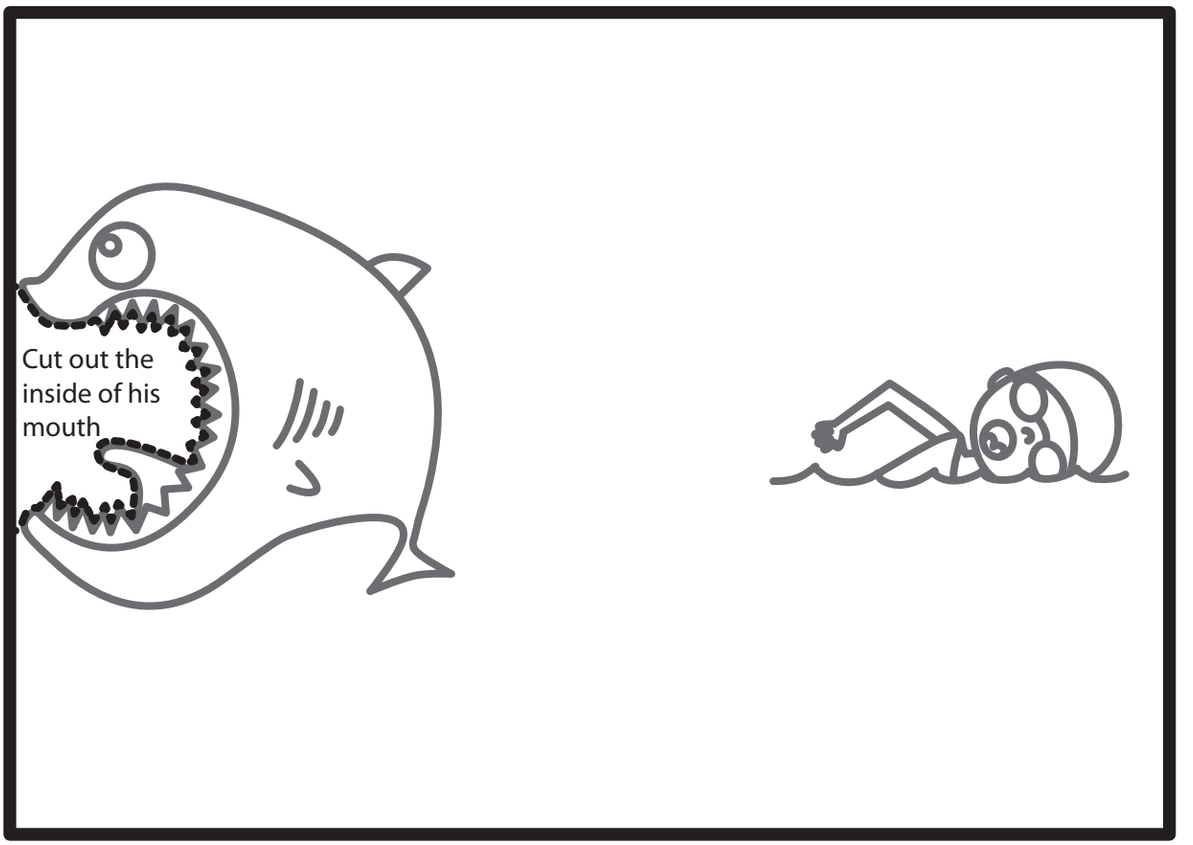

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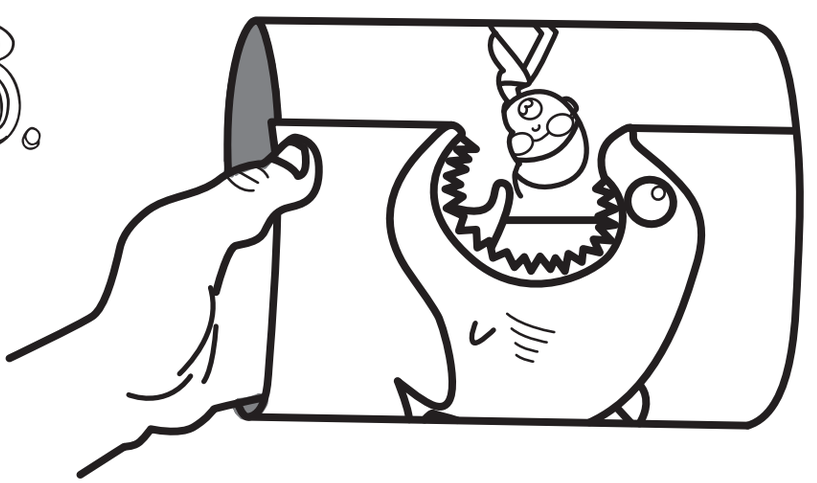
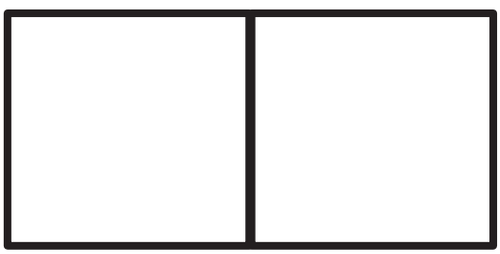


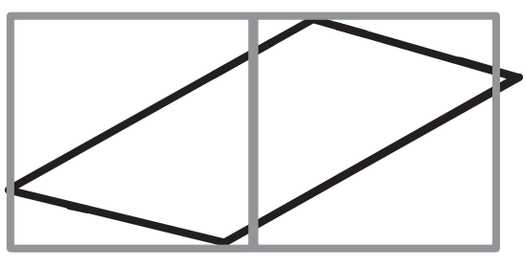
Now roll the piece of paper and make it look like the swimmer is about to be eaten by the fish. Think up your own 3d roll drawings, such as a boat going into a tunnel, a bird flying into a cat's mouth, etc.

PEEL UP LETTER

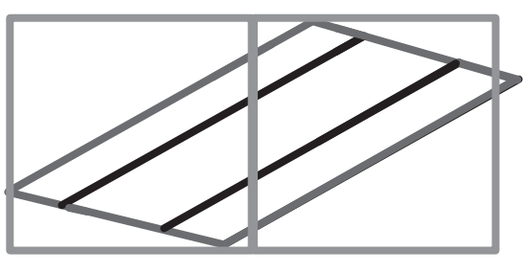
This letter "H" looks like it was cut out of paper and is being pulled out. It looks really cool and is a great thing to doodle when you are bored.



1. Lightly draw two squares as guide lines.



2. Use the squares to help guide you to draw a slanted rectangle.



3. Draw 2 lines for the sides of the letter "H" shadow.

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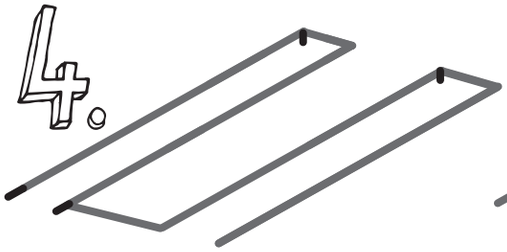

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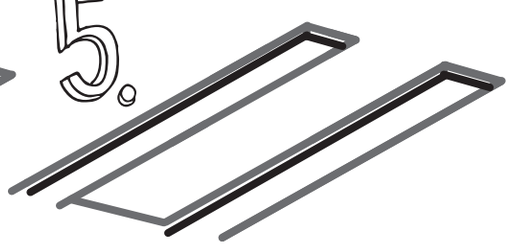

Draw a few lines.

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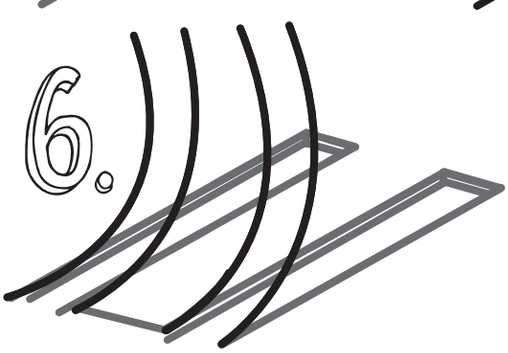
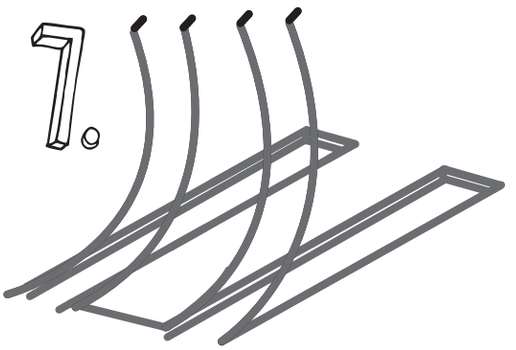
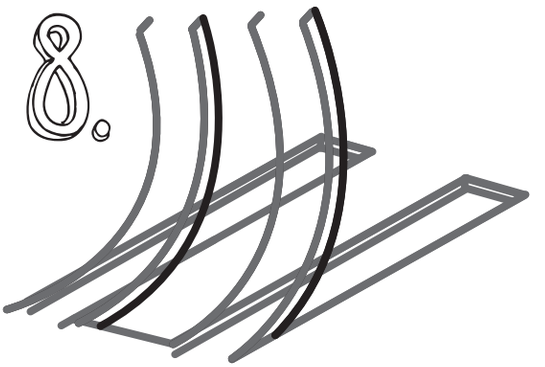
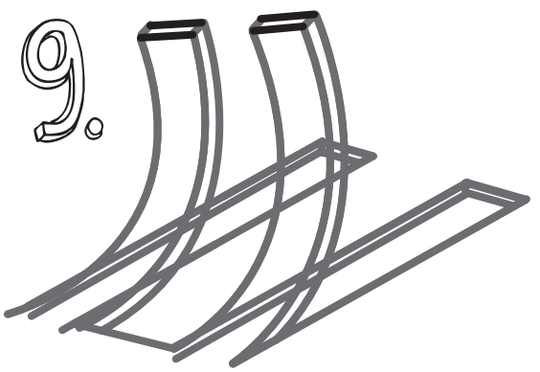
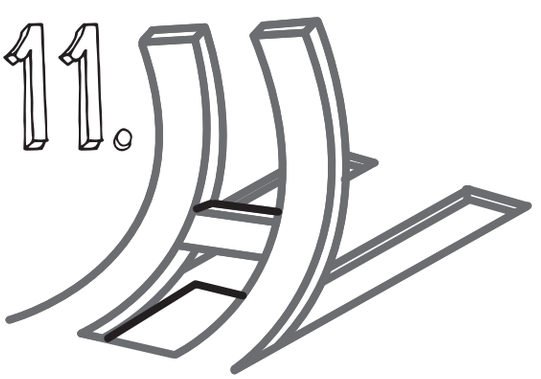


Draw 2 curved lines for the sides of the curved letter "H".



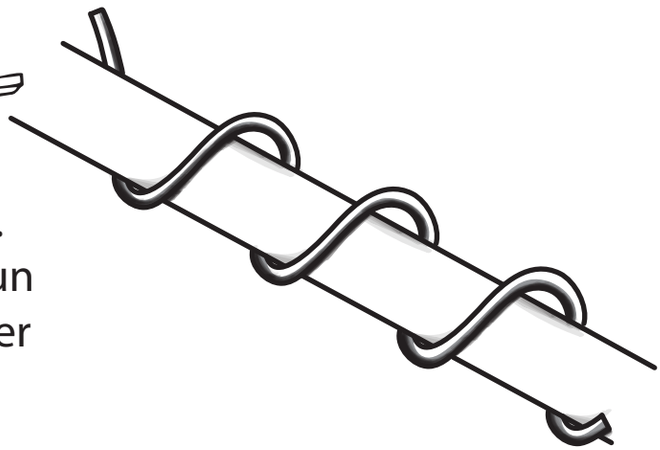




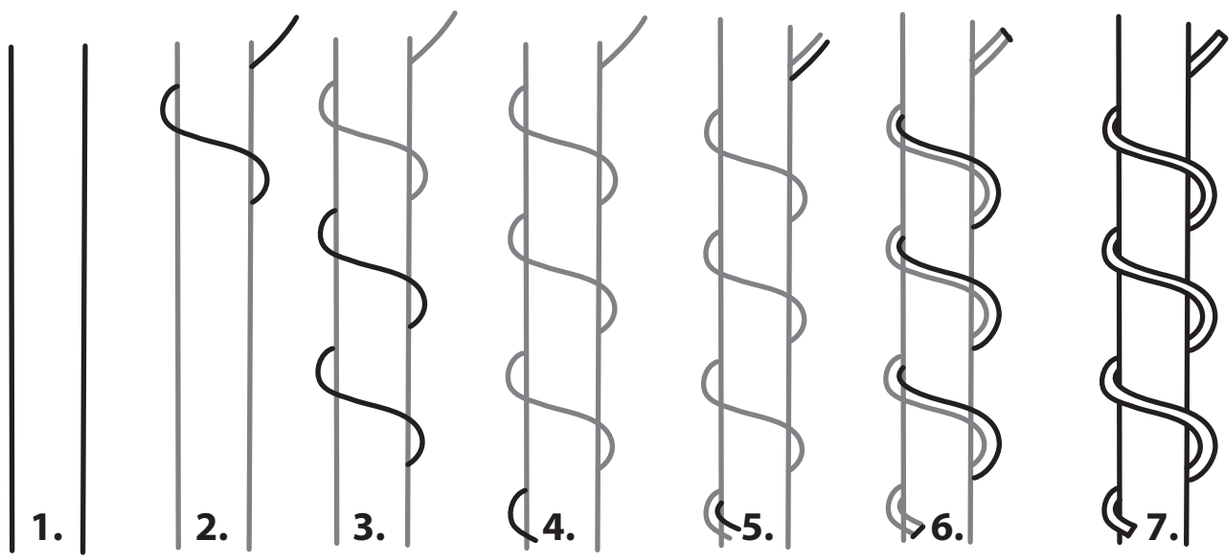


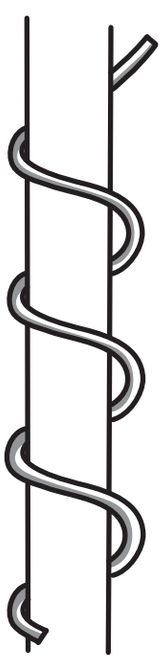
Fill in with gray and black to make it look realistic.

SPIRAL COIL

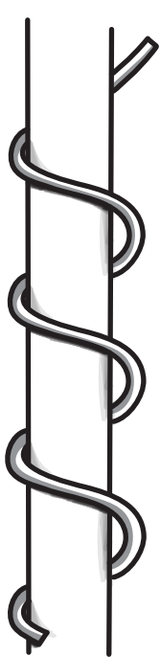


This is something that everyone should learn how to do. Drawing a spiral vine or coil is a fun thing to doodle when your teacher is being soooooooo boring. Cool!

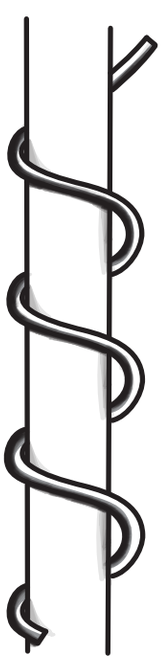




8. **Draw a gray shadow at the left side of everything, except for the top coil (which is on the right side).**

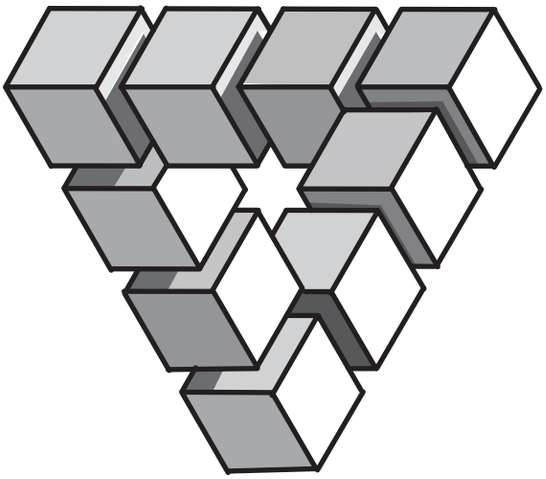


9. **Draw a shadow on the top left side of each of the bottom 4 coils. Also draw a shadow below each of the letter "S" shapes.**

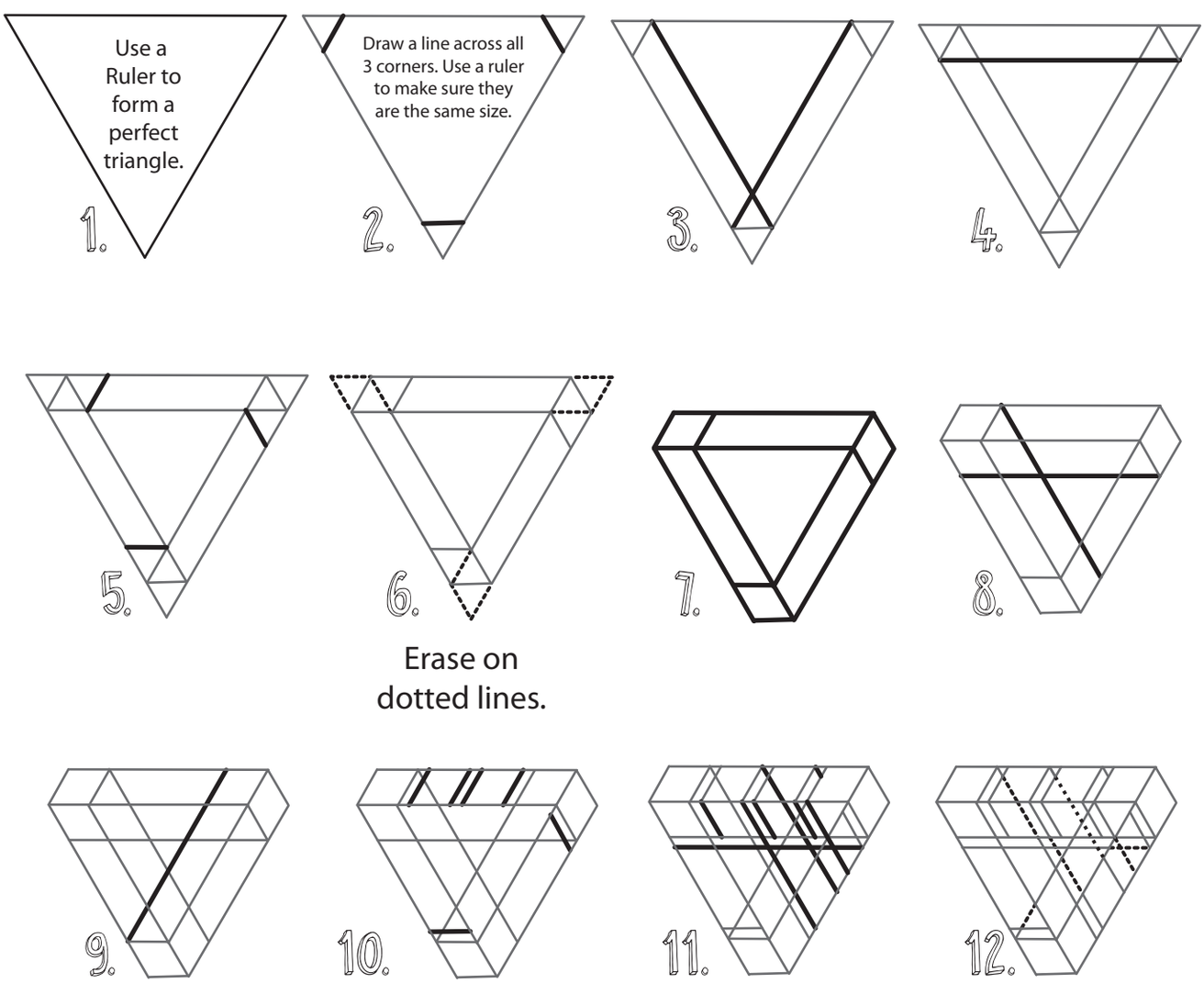


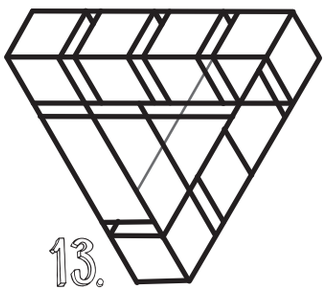
10. **Darken the shadows on the left side of the bottom 4 coils. On the top coil, darken the shadow on the right side.**

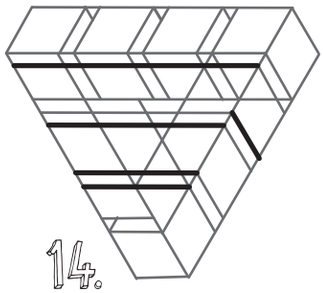
IMPOSSIBLE TRIANGLE

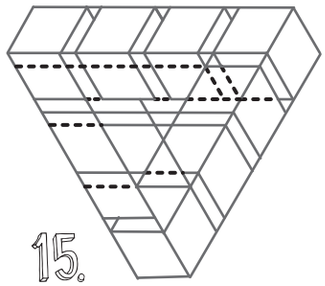


This impossible triangle is made up of tiny cubes. It is a really cool effect that will really make your friends think that you are an artistic master!









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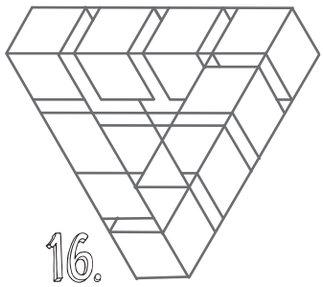

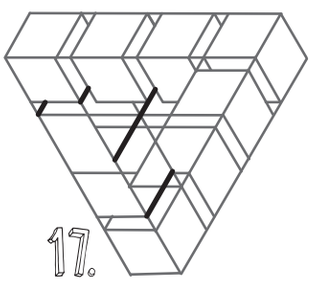

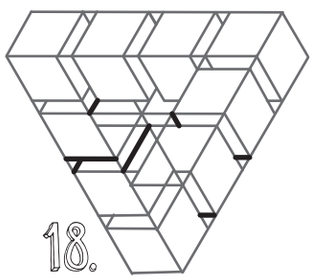

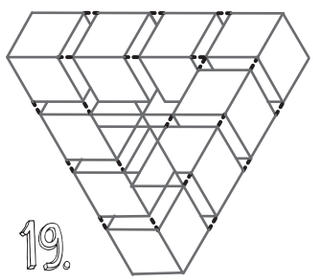

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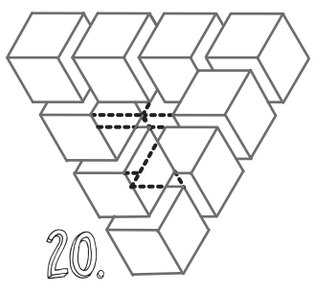

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The line
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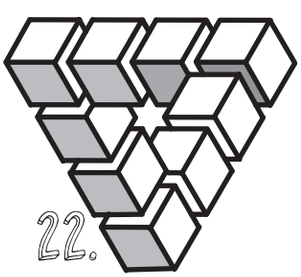
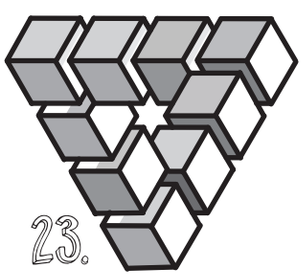
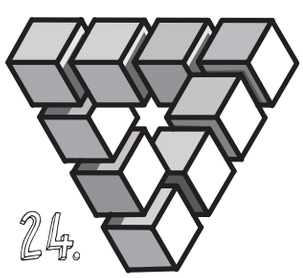


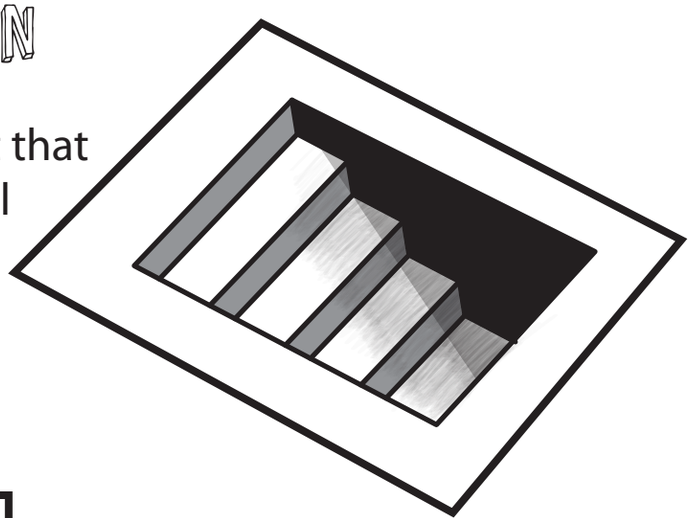




Color in these cubes with different shades of gray.

CELLAR STAIRS DOWN

Here is a cool 3-dimensional effect that is quite simple to draw. It really will look like there are stairs going down into your piece of paper. I'd say that is super cool!



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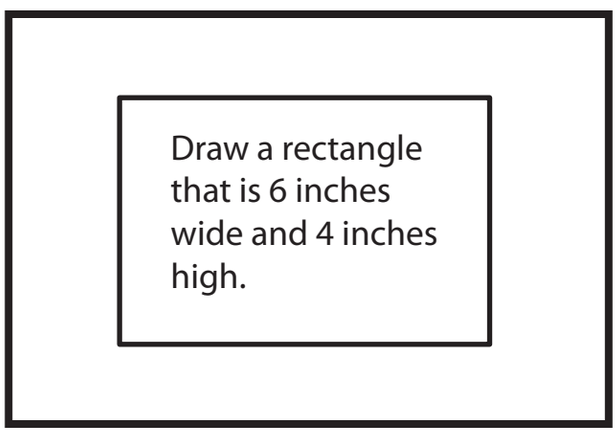

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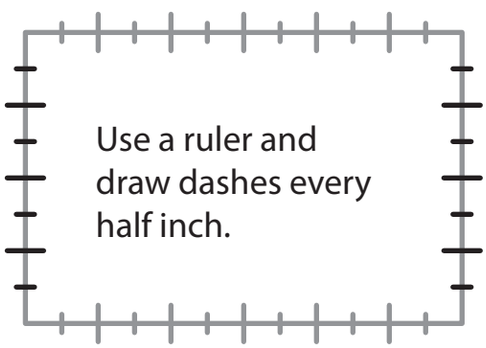

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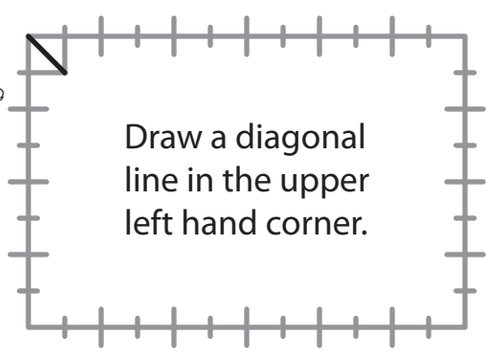

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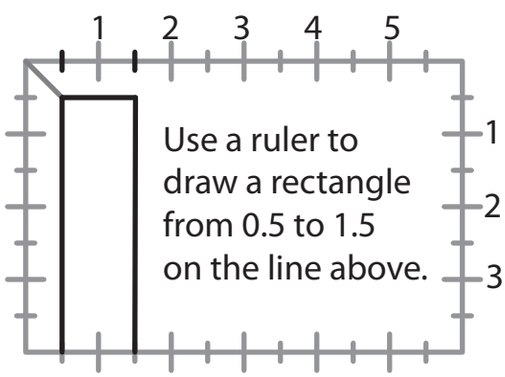

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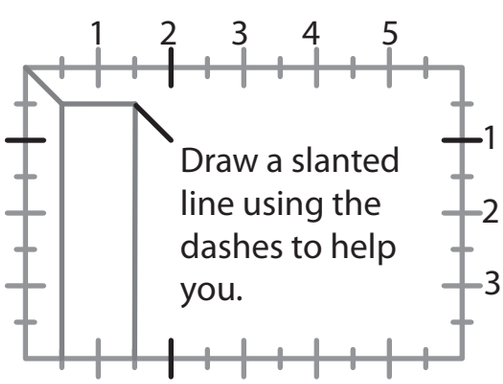

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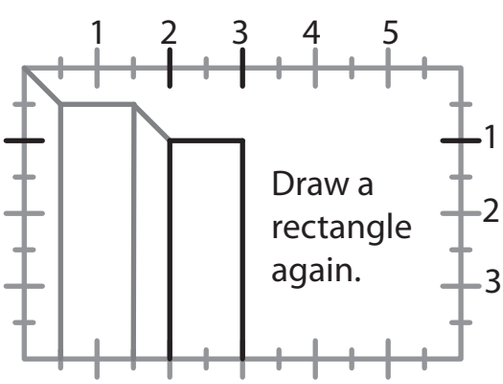

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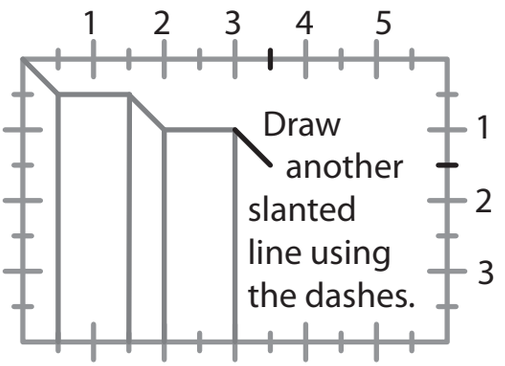

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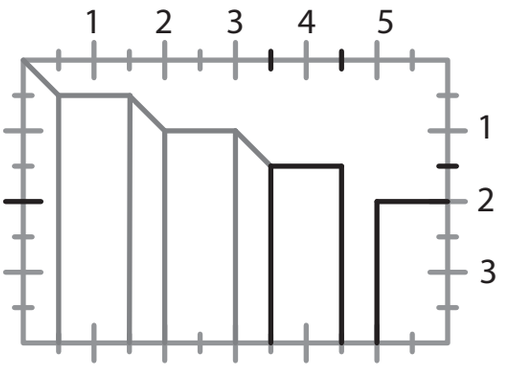

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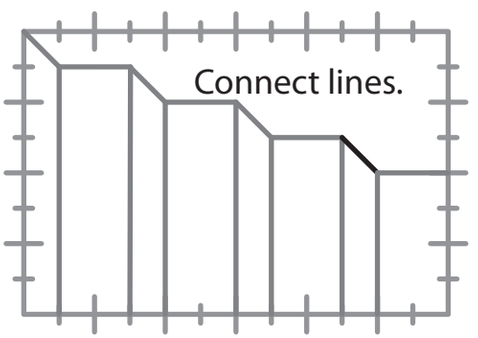

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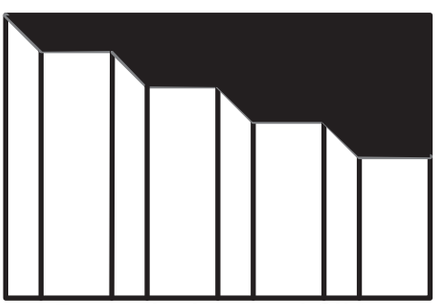

Erase dashes and fill in background with black.

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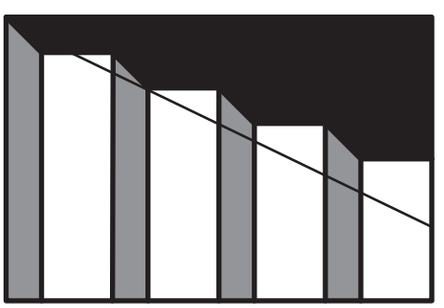

Lightly draw a diagonal line.

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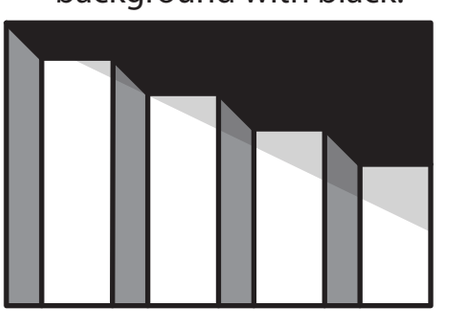

Shade that area in now.

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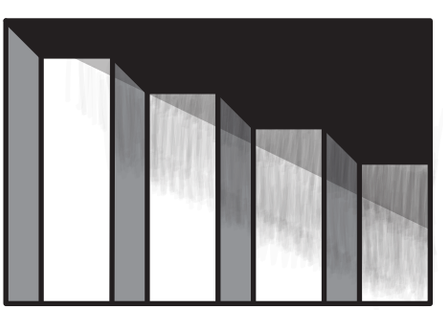

Now shade below this area. The shading gets lighter as you go up the stairs. (There is a shading tutorial in the back of the book).

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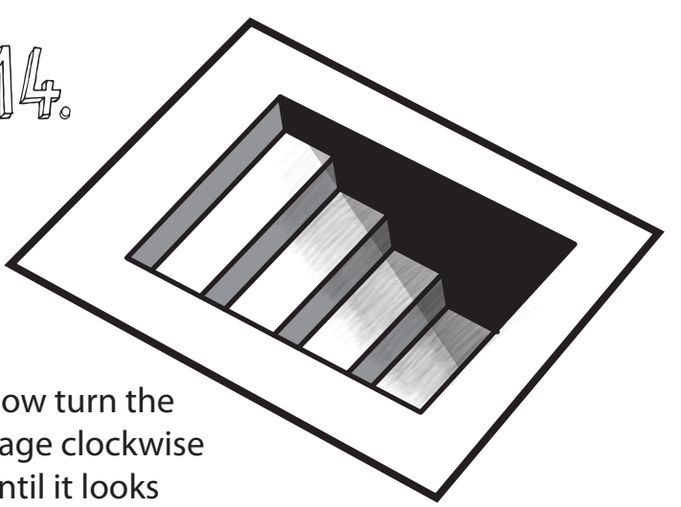
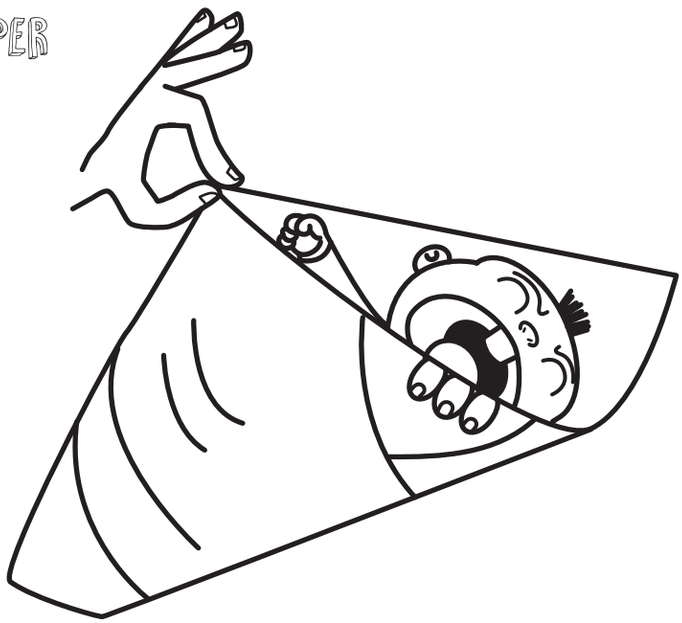
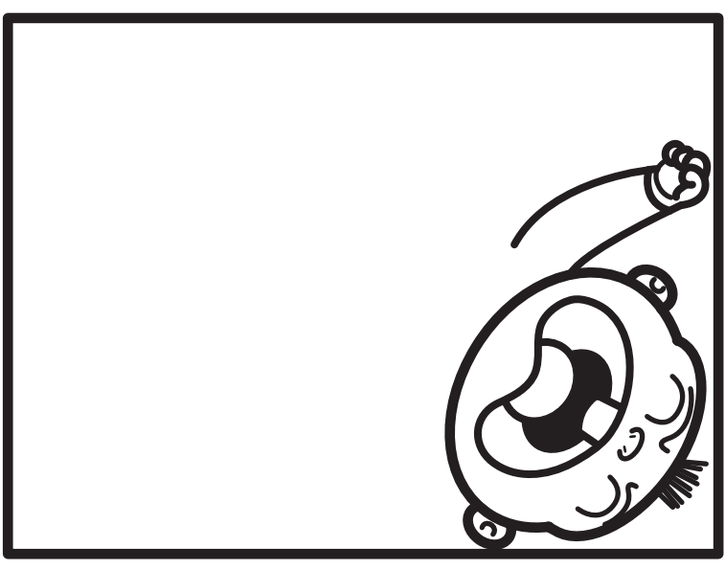


Now turn the page clockwise until it looks 3-dimensional. Has this blown your mind?

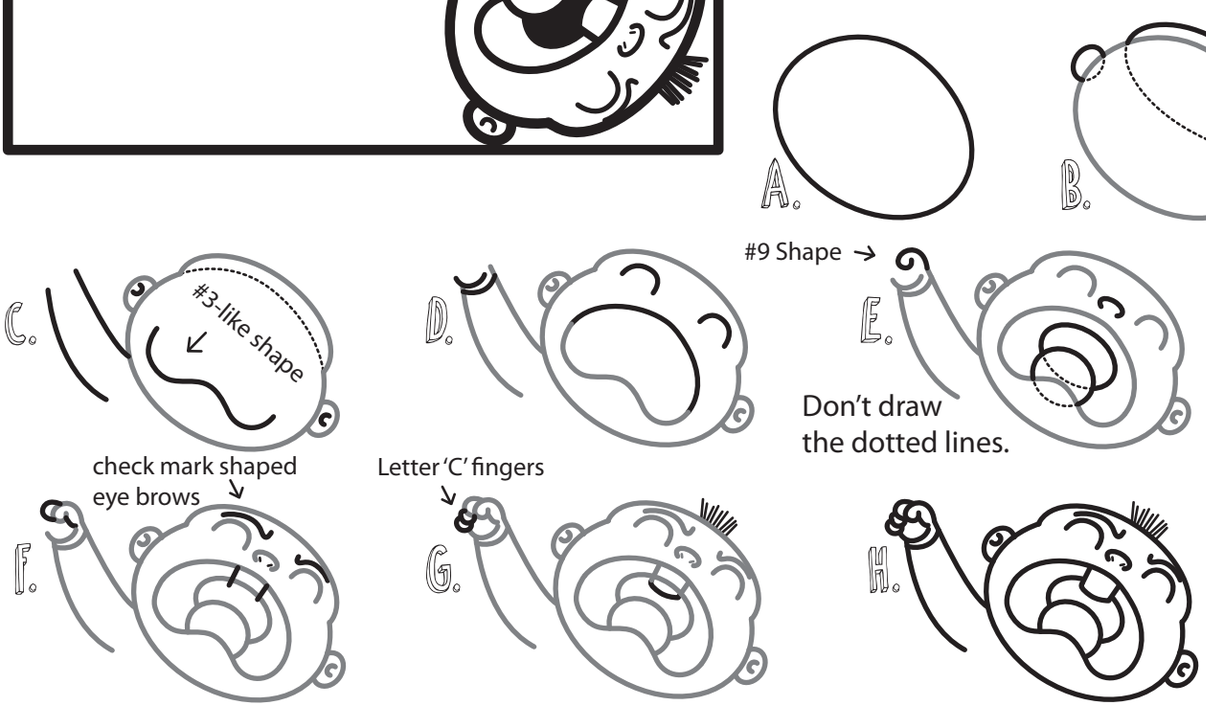
BABY SWADDLED INSIDE YOUR PAPER

Learn how to draw this optical illusion that makes it look like a baby is being held inside your paper blanket. It is super easy to draw and turns out really cool.

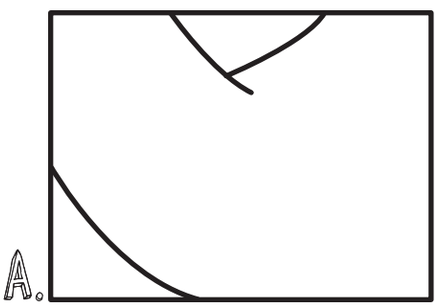




1. First of all, you need to draw a cartoon baby on the right side of a piece of paper turned on its side. I will show you how to draw the baby below.



2. Turn over the page so that the baby is on the bottom of the paper. If you lift the page up on the right, you should see the baby. Draw fingers and some lines. I show you how to draw this below.



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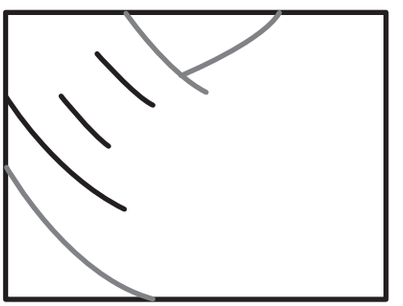

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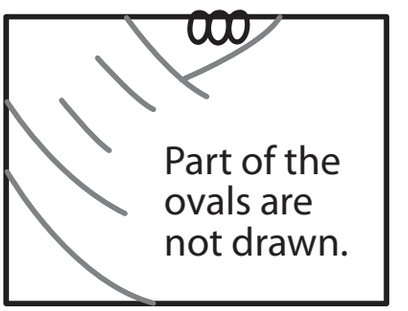

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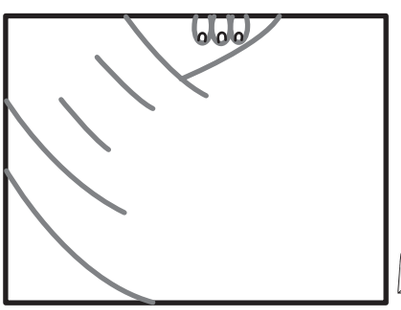

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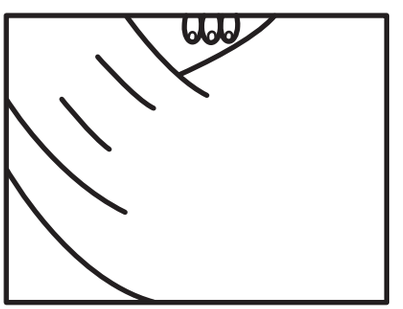

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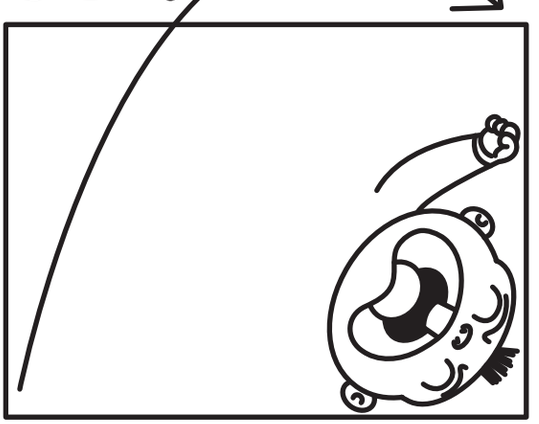

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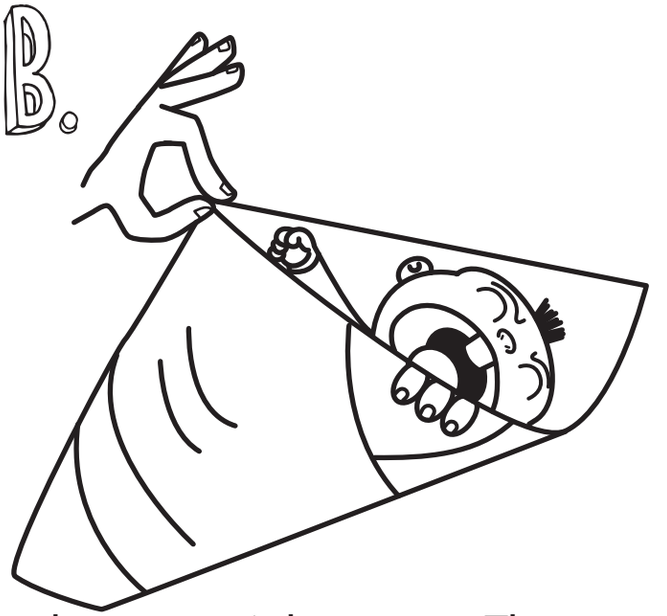


Bring the bottom left corner up to the upper right corner. Then pinch together. Now it looks like you are carrying a baby.

Bubble Fun

I bet you never thought that you would be able to draw a beautiful bubble! Well I will pop that idea bubble right now by showing you how to draw one.

1.

For this drawing, you will need a black piece of paper.

2.

Use light gray pencil to trace a cup in order to draw a perfect circle. Make the line thicker and darker at the bottom left. At the upper right, you should hardly be able to see the line.

3.

Lightly draw 4 light gray squares. Pretend like you are drawing the inside of a window. It should look like a square with a "+" inside of it.

4.

Add white to edges of the 4 squares. Then add dark gray curved line along the left side of the bubble. Color the area to the left of this line in with the dark gray.

5.

Lightly draw white curved lines around the bubble and smudge them a bit.

6.

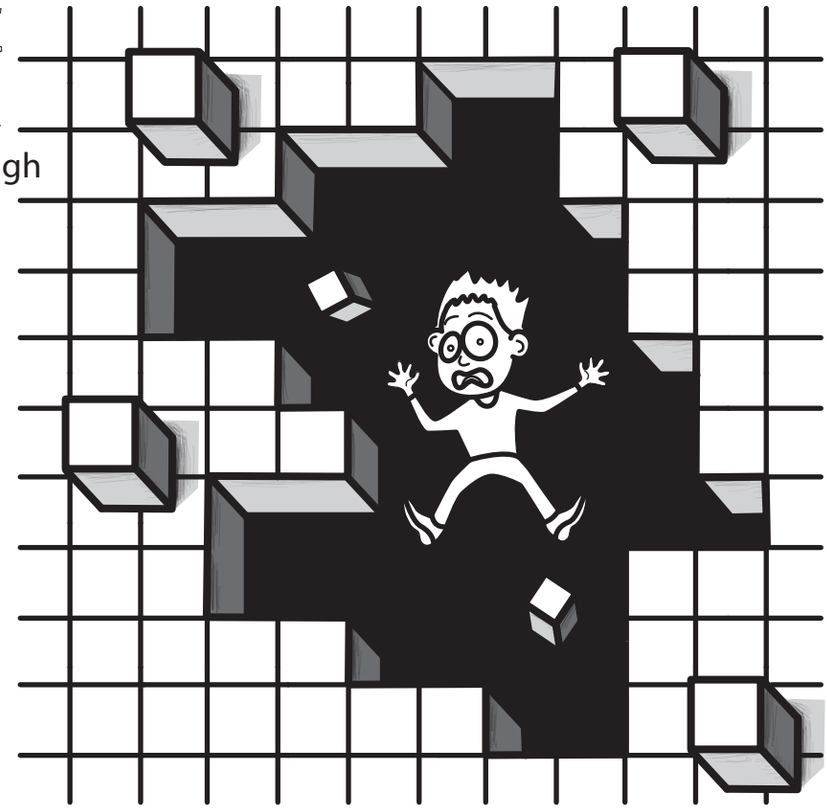
Draw a white curved triangle on the upper left side of the bubble. Press hard with your pencil to make the white as dark as possible.

7.

Draw a bright white circle on top of the bottom left square.

BOY FALLING IN HOLE

Here is a cool 3-D effect that is easy to draw. This cartoon guy will look like he is falling through a tiled floor. It turns out looking amazingly cool!



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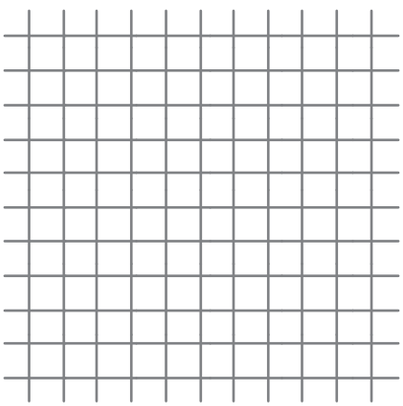

Use a ruler to lightly draw an evenly spaced out grid. Some of these lines will be erased later.

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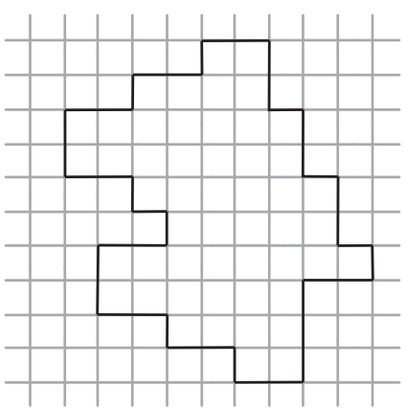

Draw random lines, using the grid. It does NOT have to look like mine.

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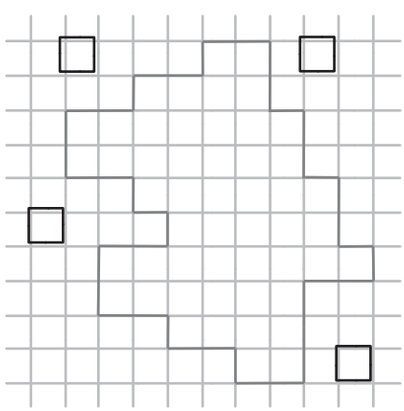

Draw squares that are a bit off of the grid.

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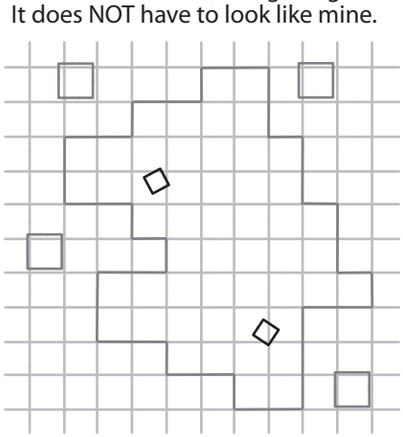

Now draw smaller squares that are turned at different angles.

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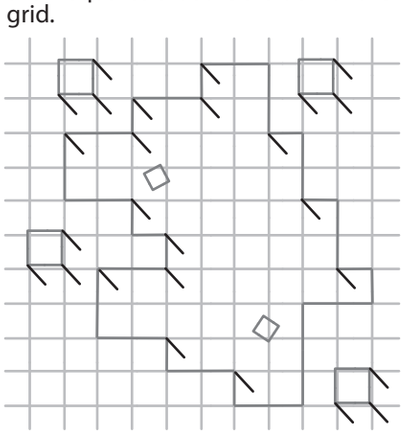

Draw some diagonal lines on the larger squares and on some of the corners.

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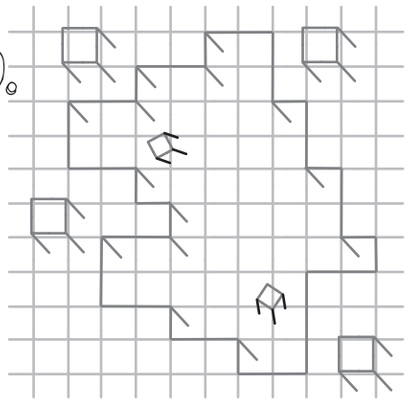

Draw lines on the smaller squares.

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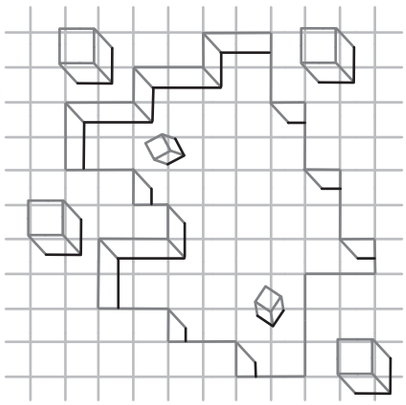

In this step we are adding depth to the picture. A lot of this step is connecting some of the lines together.

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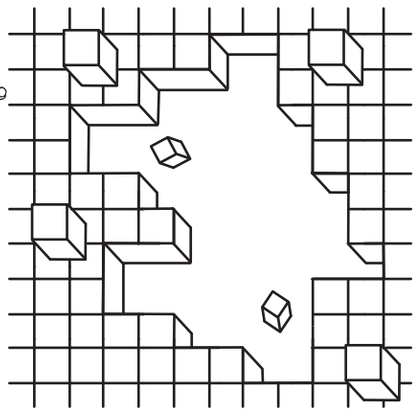

Erase parts of the grid that aren't on the floor. Erase grid lines from the cubes, from the empty space, and from the sides of the broken flooring.

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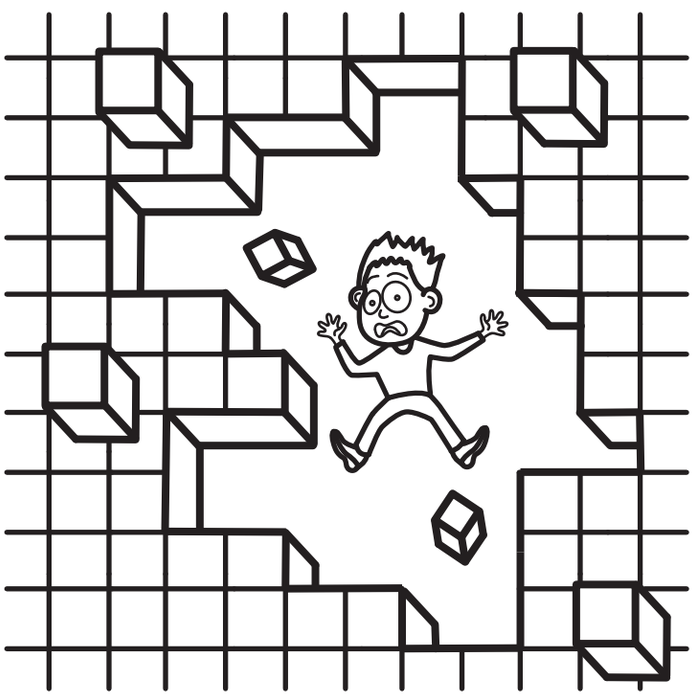
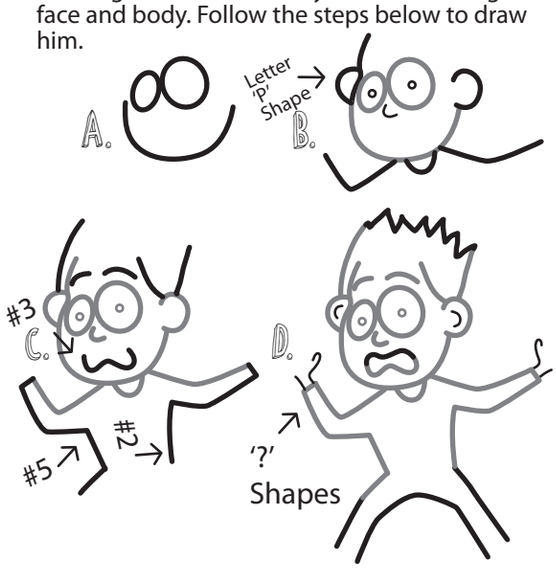


In this step, draw the cartoon guy in the center of the broken floor. Start out by drawing the face in Step A below. Notice where the face is in the drawing to the left before you start drawing the face and body. Follow the steps below to draw him.



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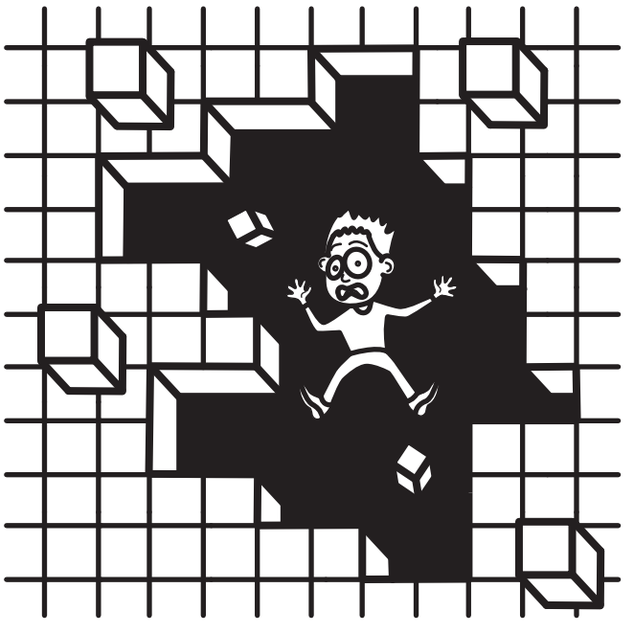

Color in the sky / background black.

11.

Color in some parts a dark gray.

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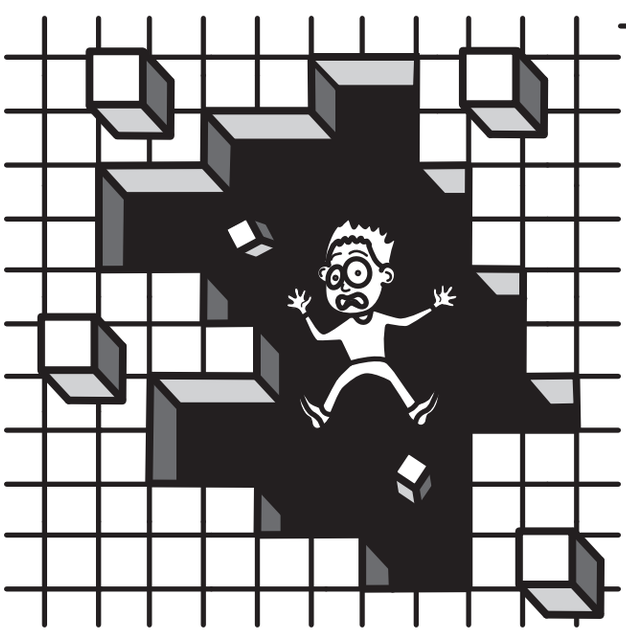

Color in some other parts a light gray.

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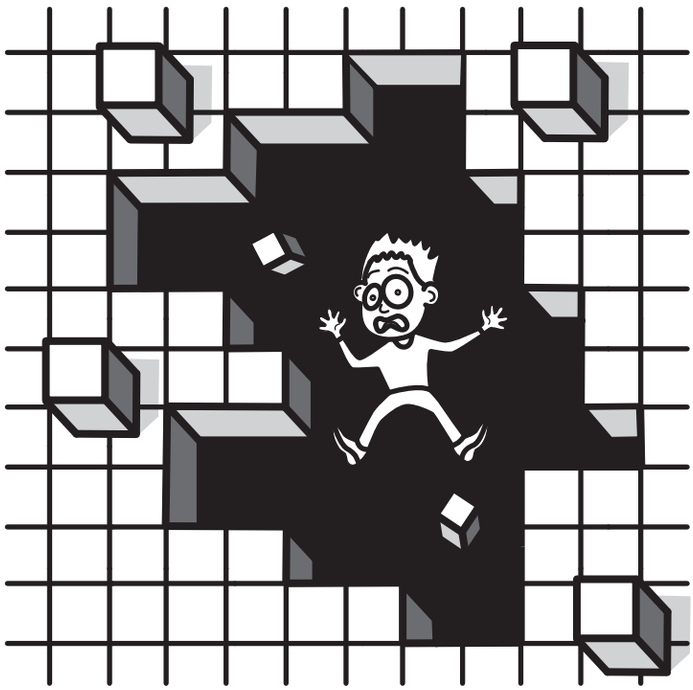

Draw a shadow on the right side of the floor below each of the larger cubes. Use a light gray for this.

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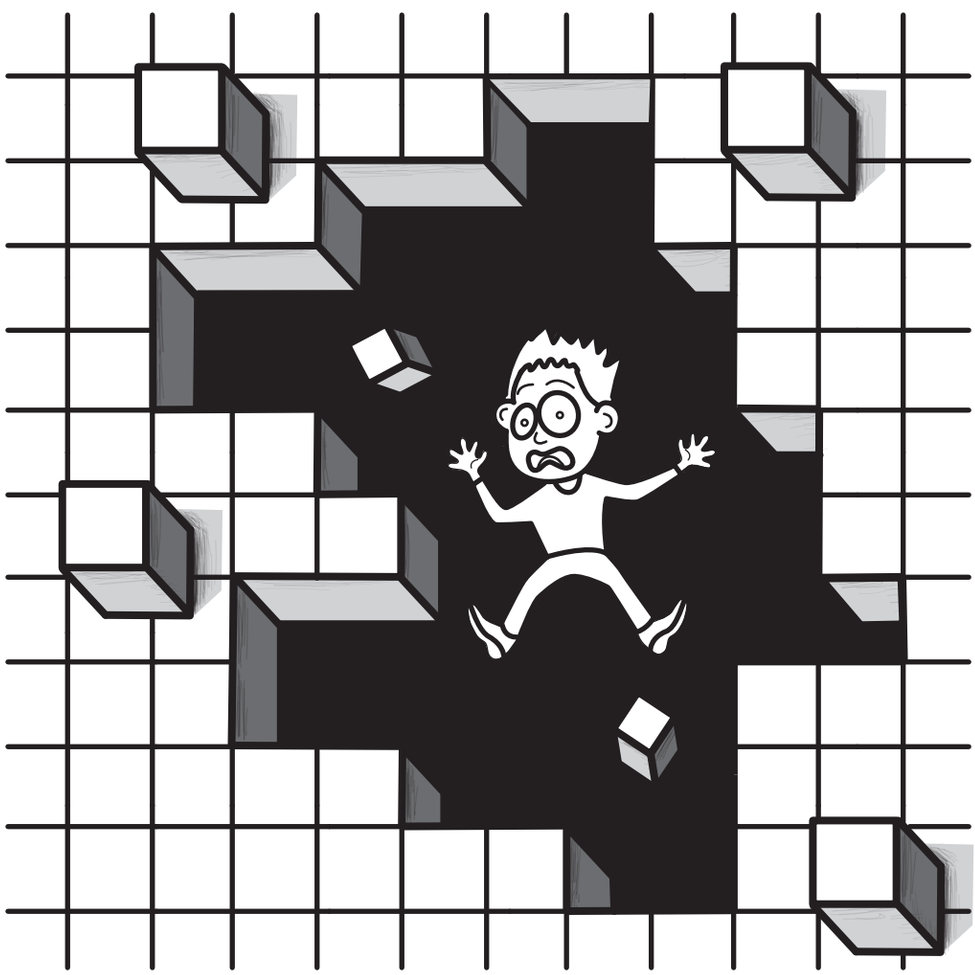
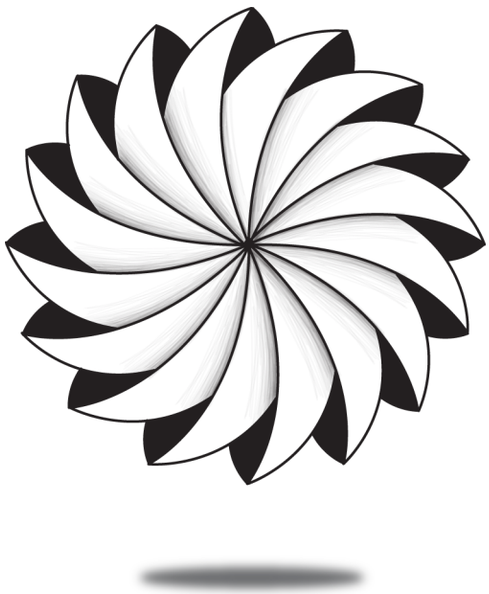


Draw a darker shadow on the right side of each of the large cubes. Also draw a darker shadow at the tops of the sides of each of the cubes and floor sides as well.

COOL SPIRAL

This is literally the coolest spiral that you can draw. I will show you how to draw it below.



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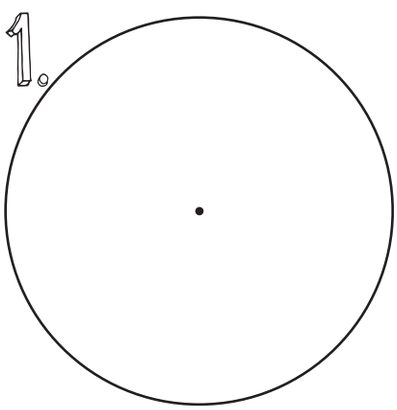
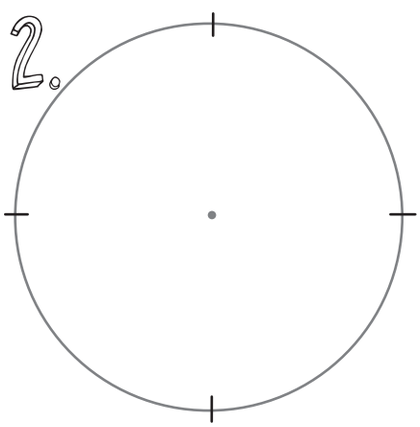


Lightly trace a cup or a bowl. Draw a dot in the center. This circle will be erased later.

2.



Lightly draw dashed lines for half way marks.

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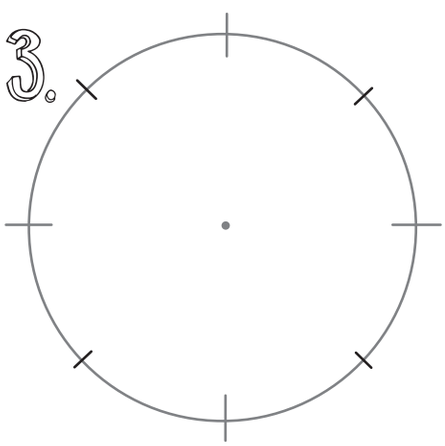

Lightly draw dashed lines in between each of the previous dashed lines.

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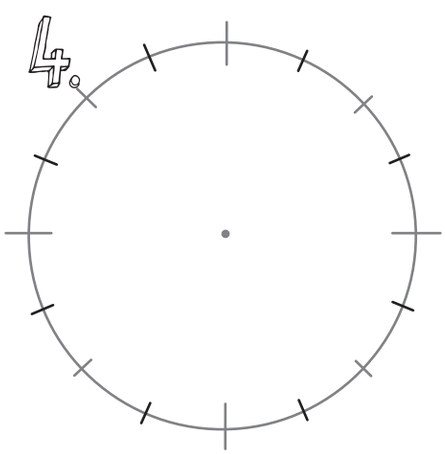

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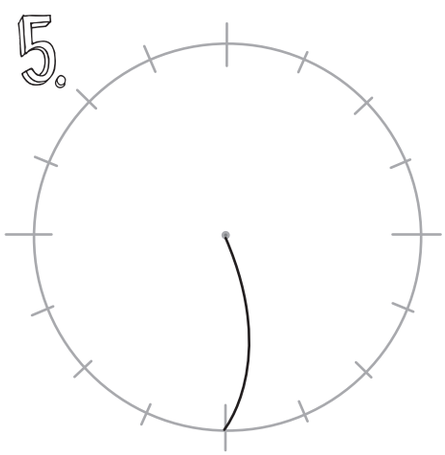

Draw a slightly curved line from the center dot to one of the dashed lines.

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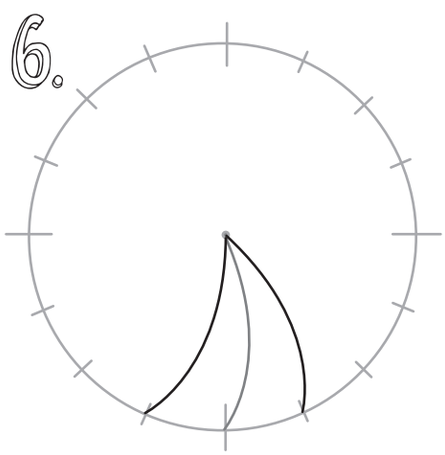

Continue to draw curved lines from the center dot to the dashed lines.

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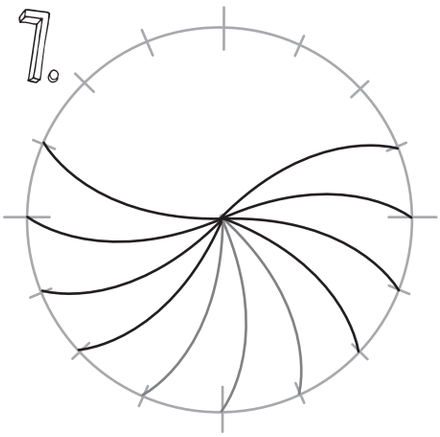

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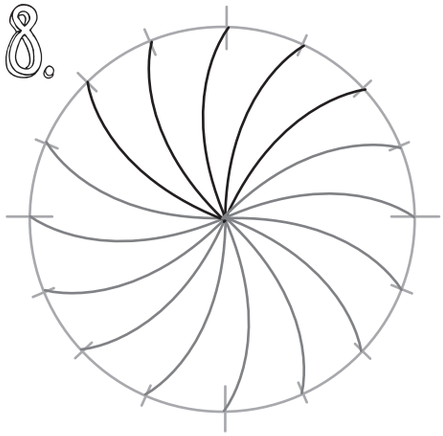

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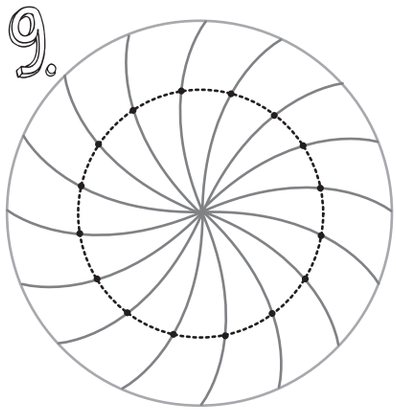

Lightly draw a smaller circle in the center. Draw a dot in each place where the circle meets one of the curved lines. Erase the circle.

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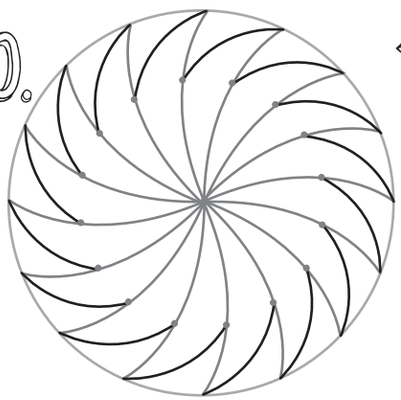

Draw a curved line from each dot over to the end of the next curved line. You have created feather looking shapes.

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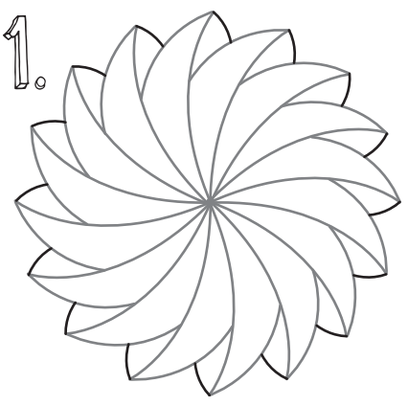

Now draw a small curved line to give each feather shape depth. It should look like you created pizza slices.

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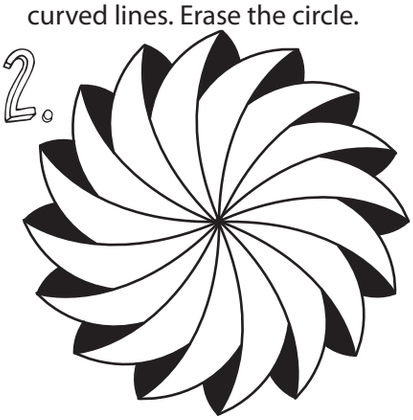

Color in the pizza slices black.

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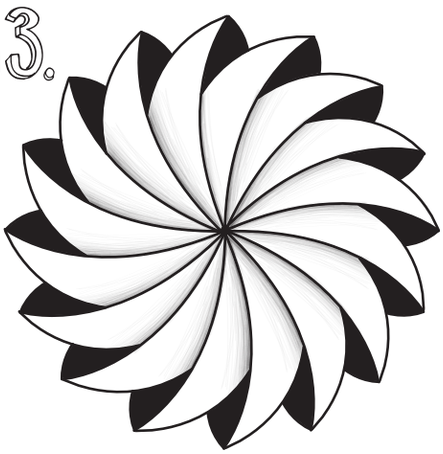

Shade in the sides of each of the individual shapes. It should be darkest where it meets up with another shape. (Shading tutorial in the back of the book).

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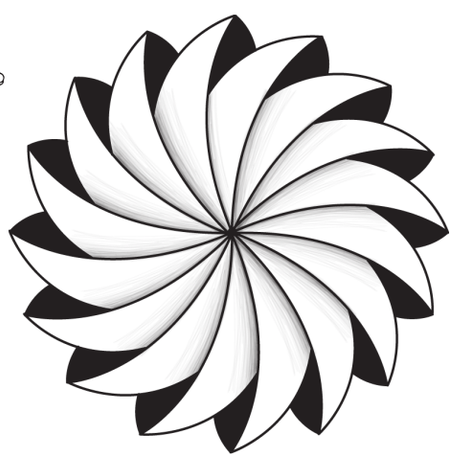

Draw an oval below the spiral. Then use a Q-tip or your finger to smudge it. It now should look like the spiral is floating above the paper.

SHADING GUIDE

Here are some pencil shading tips.

Draw light lines, as you see to the left.

Add another set of lines, starting a bit to the right. You now made a slightly darker shade of gray.

Add another set of lines, starting a bit to the right again. Now there are 3 different shades of gray.

Continue doing this...each time starting further to the right.

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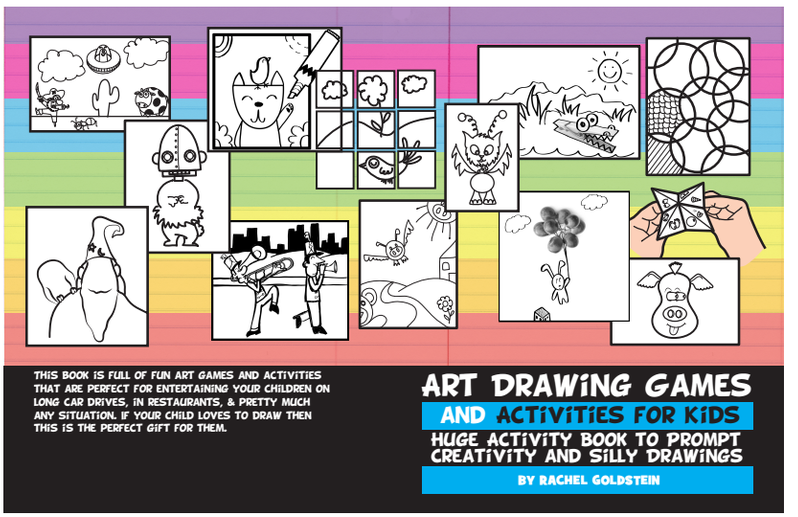

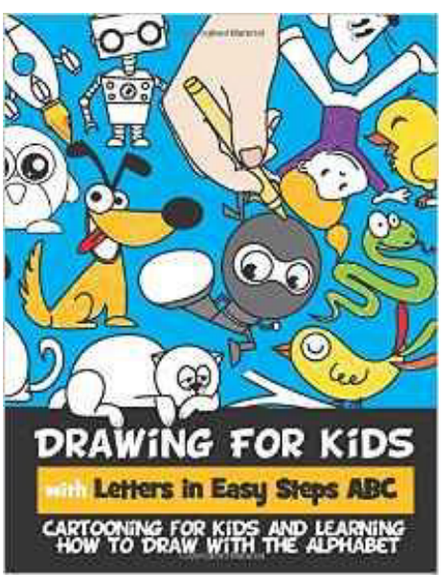

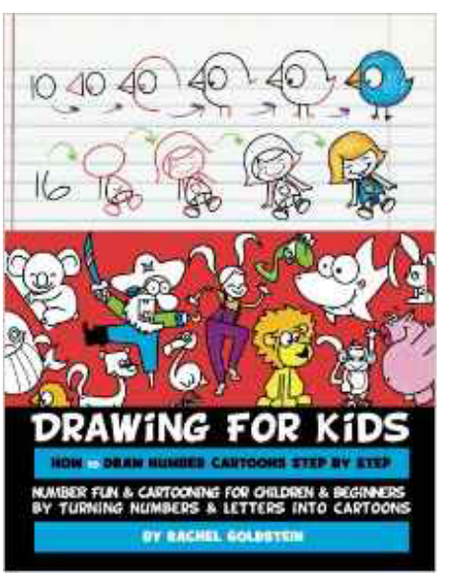

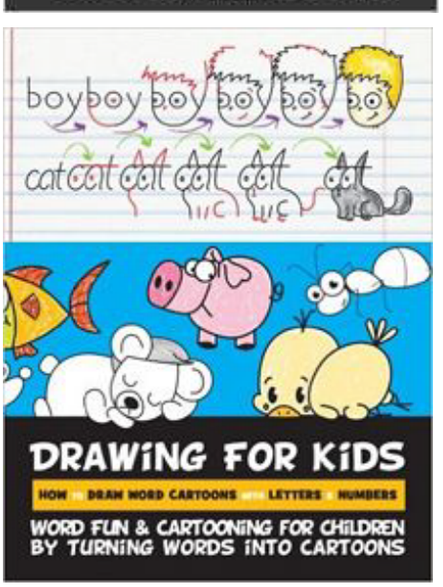

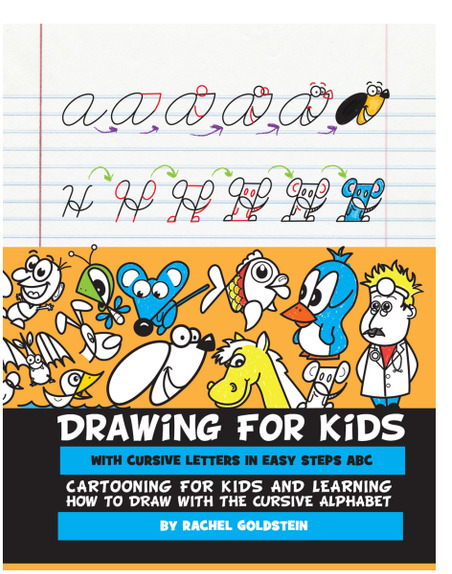

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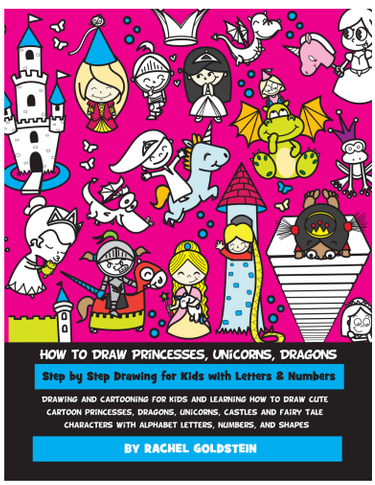

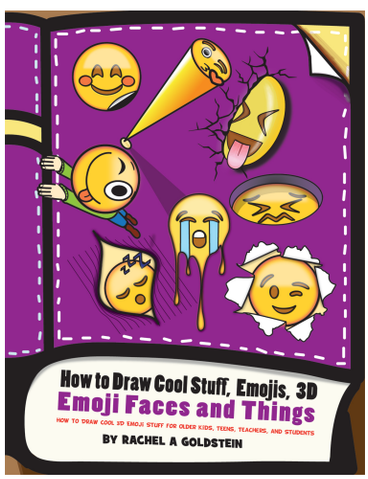

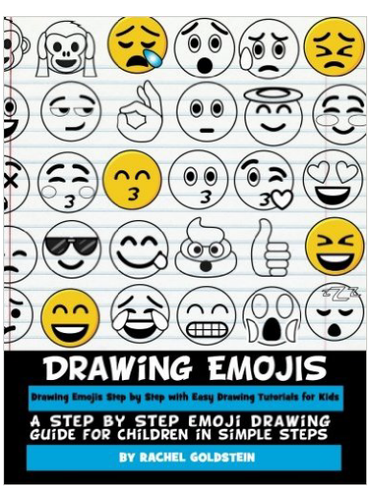

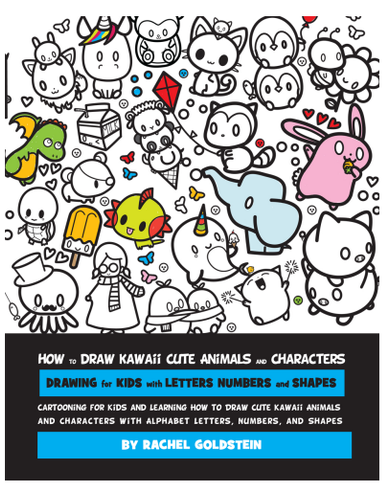

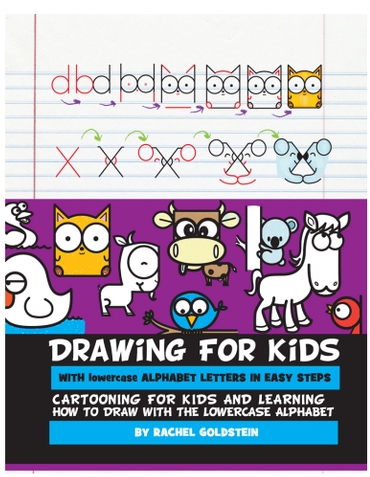

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